Answer on Question #48704 – Physics - Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

which requires more force to stop if they have the same acceleration : sumo wrestler or fairy? Explain why?

Solution:

M – The mass of the sumo wrestler; m – The mass of the fairy; $a_s = a_f = a$ – acceleration of the wrestler and fairy; F_s – force we must apply to stop sumo wrestler; F_f – force we must apply to stop fairy;

According to the Newton's Second law:

 $F = mass \cdot acceleration$

Hence, we must apply some forces F_s and F_f of our bodies to stop their motion: Force to stop sumo wrestler:

$$F_s = M \cdot a_s = M \cdot a$$

Force to stop fairy:

$$F_f = m \cdot a_f = m \cdot a$$

If the M > m (mass of the wrestler is bigger then mass of the fairy)

$$F_{\rm s} > F_{\rm f}$$

Thus, more force requires to stop sumo wrestler.

Answer: more force requires to stop sumo wrestler.

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