# Force of Gravity: Mass vs Weight (student version) 



If we pull harder, the spring stretches: more / less / the same

When you were pulling on the spring, did you also feel the spring pulling on you? Which of Newton's Laws does this illustrate? Circle one:
(Law 1) inertia
(Law 2) more mass is harder to accelerate (Law 3) action-reaction


Mass of 2 pennies $=$ $\qquad$ 9

Resting length of spring $=$ $\qquad$ cm

Spring length with 2 pennies $=$ $\qquad$ cm

Plot your measurements in the graph below.


When more mass was in the cup, the spring stretched:
more / less / same

When the cup had more mass the force of gravity pulling it down was: bigger / smaller / same

## Optional Challenge 1:

What will be the length of the spring when a 50 g mass is put into the cup? Extend the line on your graph to make the estimate. Test if you were right!
$\qquad$ cm

## Optional Challenge 2:

Use your spring scale and your graph to estimate the mass of the metal fishing weight.

Spring length: $\qquad$ cm
Estimated mass: $\qquad$ 9

Check your mass estimate with the balance scale. Were you right?

