

The object of this TLA is to design and build a Magnetic Levitation vehicle that will travel down eight feet of track in the shortest period of time, powered only by wind.

The catch is, you are only allowed to use Post-Consumer materials in the construction of your racer.

What does Post-Consumer mean?

 Something that will be recycled or thrown away once it has been used by consumers.

Step one in the design process is to:?

- Identify the need or the problem
- Design and build a
 Magnetic Levitation
 vehicle that will travel
 down eight feet of
 track in the shortest
 period of time

Step two in the design process is to:?

- Research the need or the problem
- Which you all have already started doing

Step three in the design process is to:?

- Develop possible design solutions
- Sketch 2 possible solutions for a Mag Lev Racer.
 Make sure you draw a front and a side view for each design.

Your homework tonight is to go home and gather the materials you will need to construct your racer. Now that you have an idea of what your racer looks like you should have an idea of what you need for materials.

Try to find materials with different properties so they can be used for different parts of the racer.

What do we mean when we say materials all have different properties?

Material Properties are the physical characteristics of how the material is made up. For instance:

- Weight
- Hardness
- Flexibility
- Porous or non porous
- color
- transparent

What kinds of materials would be good to collect for the construction of your racer?
(Remember the materials need to be LIGHT)

Note cards
Toothpicks
Sandwich bags
Tissue paper
Tin foil
News Paper

straws
popsicle sticks
paper bags
cardboard
drink stirrers
styrofoam

Pretend I went home and collected the following Post-Consumer materials. What would be the best use of these materials in the construction of our racer?

- Straws
- Plastic Wrap
- Styrofoam
- Tinfoil
- Skewers
- cardboard

Fill in Step 1 now on your Design Process worksheet.

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