

# Cycle 21 CM & Rotation

## Rotational Inertia & Angular Momentum

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1. When a figure skater pulls their arms inward, what happens to...

Angular Velocity: ☐ increases ☐ decreases ☐ stays the same

Rotational Inertia: ☐ increases ☐ decreases ☐ stays the same

Angular Momentum: ☐ increases ☐ decreases ☐ stays the same

2. Why do gymnasts tuck in when they do a backflip?

3. Matching:

\_\_\_\_\_ Easier to start rotating.

A. Mass far out.

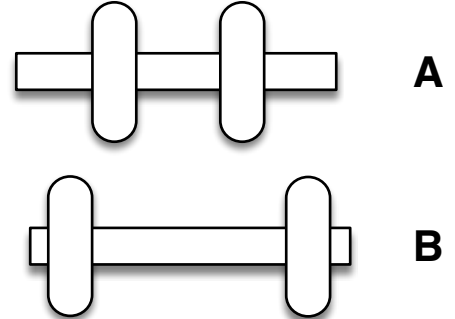
\_\_\_\_\_ Easier to stop rotating.

B. Mass close in.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tougher to start rotating.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tougher to stop rotating.

4. Here are two dumbbells. They have the same two weights attached. Which one has the greater rotational inertia? What does that mean about changing its rate of rotation?



5. One bike has tires that are smaller (have the mass close in.) The other has large radius tires (mass far out.) Which bike is for quick starts & stops & tricks? Which one is for long distance riding?





6. The Revolutionary War and the Civil War were both fought with muskets. What was the one change that made the muskets so much more accurate and deadly?

WAR	YEARS	DEAD
REVOLUTIONARY	1775-1783	4,435
CIVIL WAR	1861-1865	191,963

7. What do football quarterbacks do to keep the ball moving straight? What principle does that rely on?



8. What do you think we do with our satellites to keep them oriented straight?