Engineering



Redesign your car so that it will travel the same distance with fewer puffs. What happens if you change the size of the car? What happens if you use fewer materials? Or, what happens if you add a new material like thread spools? Choose one thing to change (that's the variable) and make a prediction. Then test it and send your results to ZOOM.

What You Need

• 3 nonbendable, plastic

- drinking straws
- 4 Lifesavers<sup>™</sup>
- I piece of paper
- 2 paper clips
- tape
- scissors

## Engineering Scoop

When you blow, you create **moving air**, or wind. When wind **pushes** against an object, it can make the object **move**. Think about a **sailboat**. Wind pushes against the **sail** and makes the boat move. So a sail is one part of your car that can help it move. **Wheels** can also help your car move. Maybe you have a **bike** at home. What would happen if you took the wheels off and tried to move it? (It takes a lot of force to move something that's **rubbing** along the ground.) What **other parts** did you design to help your car move?

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• Make a **car** using only the materials on the list. Here's the catch: to make your car move, you can only **blow** on it!

**2 Test** it out! How **far** does your car go when you **blow once**? How many puffs does it take to make the car travel **6 feet**?

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