Activity 3: Your Weight on Other Worlds

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In this activity you will get a feeling for how much any hypothetical being of your choice would weigh on the surface of other planets.

- 1. Go to this url: https://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/weight/
- 2. Make up a hypothetical being (an avatar) and give them a weight, in pounds:

Name of avatar:	
Weight of avatar in pounds:	

3. Calculate the mass of your avatar in kg using this formula (or you can find a web app to do it):

$$weight in kg = \frac{weight in pounds}{2.2 lb/kg} = kg$$

and enter this value in the box on the website that says "ENTER YOUR WEIGHT HERE."

Although the website says you can enter weight in any units you wish, we are going to use kilograms because the meter-kilogram-second unit system is what we universally use in science.

4. Then click on the box that says "Calculate." Voila! You can see how much your avatar would weigh in kg on each planet and moon listed, and also three representative stars. Write your answers in the following table (next page):

Your avatar's weight on other worlds (in Kilograms):

Mercury	Venus	The Moon	Mars
Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
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Pluto	lo	Europa	Ganymede
Callisto	The Sun	A White Dwarf	A Neutron Star

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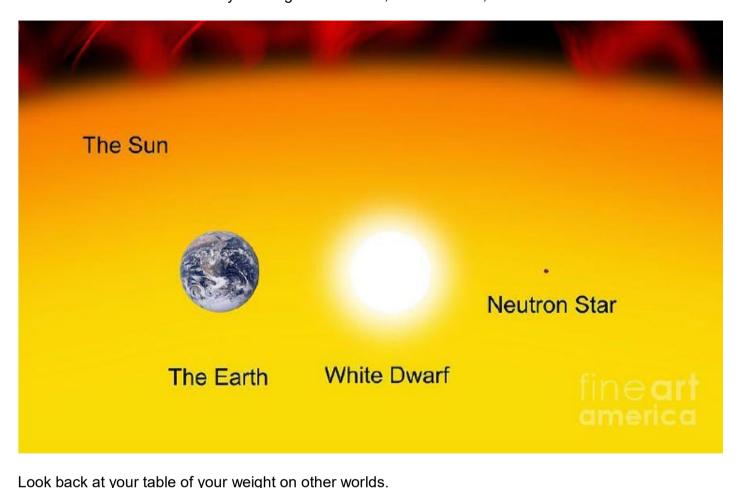
5. Now enter your avatar's weight in pounds (lbs):

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Hopefully seeing the weights both in Kg and in Lbs will help you get more comfortable with the meti- system.	ric
On which planet does your avatar weigh the most?	

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6. The website also calculated your weight on the Sun, a white dwarf, and a neutron star.



On which of these do you weigh most?

On which of these do you weigh least?

Rank your weights from high to low for the sun, a white dwarf, and a neutron star.

#1 (give the weight) _____

#2 (give the weight) _____

#3 (give the weight) _____

Keep these concepts in mind as we study planets, stars, and how stars evolve.

SUBMITTING ANSWERS IN CANVAS:

Please copy and paste your answers in Canvas. Try copying and pasting the whole thing and see if that works (it's ok if the picture doesn't copy). As long as it's readable, I can grade it and give you full credit.