## Steps to make a Force Diagram (AKA: Free-Body Diagram):

1. Define the system $\rightarrow$ (,-m,
2. Define the direction of positive $\rightarrow$

3. Label if there is Acceleration, Net Force, Initial and Final Velocity. If you have acceleration then you have Net Force

4. Draw a dot that represents the object in question.

Ask yourself the following 4 questions when making a Force Diagram (Free-Body Diagram):

## 1. Is it on Earth?

(HINT: It is always $\mathbf{y} \mathbf{C S}$ for us!!! This is called "Weight" and mistakenly called "gravity") Draw an arrow straight down and label it $\mathbf{F}$ Earth, Puck. This stands for the Force of the Earth on the Puck


AGENT that causes the force


## 2. Is it touching a surface?

a. If yes, ALWAYS Draw the Normal (Normal means 90 degrees to surface) Force, Label it as F surface, object $\perp$


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b. Is there friction? If yes, Draw the $F$ surface, object || (The force is parallel to surface)



## 3. Is a rope, string, chain, or spring pushing or pulling it (TENSION)?

If yes draw in the Force of Rope on object pointing in the direction the rope is attached to the object.

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4. Is anything else pushing or pulling on the object? Hand, foot, air, magnets, a rabbit with REALLLY big teeth, a duck, a witch, a European swallow but not an African swallow because they are non-migratory, or comfy chair, etc ... ...

