Chapter 2 Pretest: (+1)

Name _____

- During an Apollo moon landing, reflecting panels were placed on the moon. This allowed earth-based astronomers to shoot laser beams at the moon's surface to determine its distance. The reflected laser beam was observed 2.52 s after the laser pulse was sent. If the speed of light is 3.00 x 10⁸ m/s, what was the distance between the astronomers and the moon?
- 2. A tortoise and a hare are in a road race to defend the honor of their breed. The tortoise crawls the entire 1000 m distance at a speed of 0.2000 m/s while the rabbit runs the first 200 .0 m at 2.000 m/s. The rabbit then stops to take a nap for 1.300 h and awakens to finish the last 800.0 m with an average speed of 3.000 m/s. a) Who wins the race and by how much time? b) Draw a graph of distance vs. time for the situation.
- 3. Two physics professors challenge each other to a 100 m race across the football field. The loser will grade the winner's physics labs for one month. Dr. Nelson runs the race in 10.40 s. Dr. Bray runs the first 25.0 m with an average speed of 10.0 m/s, the next 50.0 m with an average speed of 9.50 m/s, and the last 25.0 m with an average speed of 11.1 m/s. Who gets stuck grading physics labs for the next month?
- 4. In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy awakens in Munchkinland where her house has been blown by a tornado. If the house fell from a height of 3000 m, with what speed did it hit the Wicked Witch on the East when it landed?
- 5. Chief Boolie, the jungle dweller, is out hunting for dinner when a coconut falls from a tree and lands on his toe. If the nut fell for 1.4 s, how fast was it traveling when it hit Chief Boolie's toe?
- 6. At Great Adventure Amusement Park in New Jersey, a popular ride known as "Free Fall" carries passengers up to a height of 33.5 m and drops them to the ground inside a small cage. How fast are the passengers going at the bottom of this exhilarating journey?
- 7. A car accelerates uniformly from rest to a speed of 65 km/h (18 m/s) in 12 s. Find the distance the car travels during this time.
- 8. A car traveling at +7.0 m/s accelerates at the rate of +0.80 m/s² for an interval of 2.0 s. Find final velocity.
- 9. Perhaps sometime in the future, NASA will develop a program to land a human being on Mars. If you were the first Mars explorer and discovered that when you dropped a hammer it took 0.68 s to fall 0.90 m to the ground, what would you calculate for the gravitational acceleration on Mars?