## Roman Catapults



By

## STRUCTURE STRENGTH AND STABILITY

Have a look at the structures below and think about which one looks like it would be the best structure to use for a catapult.


Things to consider:
Which structure will be the most stable? What might happen if you build them really big? Is a tall structure better with a large or small base?

I think that
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## CATAPULT DESIGN




Lever Catapult

I have chosen to make a catapult because

I will need to use the following materials (see next page for details):

## EQUIPMENT LIST

| PYRAMID CATAPULT |
| :--- |
| 6 equal lengths of thin |
| wood or sticks |
| A plastic cup |
| 9 elastic bands |
| Pencil |
| Blu tac |
| 3 marshmallows - for |
| testing! |


| LEVER CATAPULT |
| :--- |
| Cardboard |
| Pencil |
| Blu tac |
| Thick elastic band |
| Plastic spoon |
| Masking tape |
| Scissors |
|  |
| 3 marshmallows - for |
| testing! |

## FINAL CATAPULT



How did you make your catapult?


What did you find tricky?

## CATAPULT TESTING

| Shot Number | Distance Travelled |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 3 |  |

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If you were to make your catapult again, what would you change and why?

