

Swing time

Can you control time? See if it is possible by following these pendulum experiments.

- **1.** Make a simple pendulum by tying a weight to the end of a piece of string.
- 2. Fix the other end of the string to a piece of thick card using a bulldog clip.
- **3.** Hold the card and time how long it takes for the pendulum to swing 10 times, 20 times, 30 times and 50 times. Record your results and look for patterns.
- **4.** Experiment with your pendulum by changing the width of the swing. How does this affect the timing?
- **5.** What happens if you change the length of the string or change the heaviness of the weight?



