

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE FELL THROUGH A HOLE THAT WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE EARTH¹

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We consider a remarkable method of running trains with gravity as the sole power source. The track runs through a perfectly straight tunnel from one town to another. Since the middle of the tunnel is necessarily nearer the earth's center than its ends, the train runs downhill to the center, acquiring enough momentum to carry it up the other half of the tunnel.

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