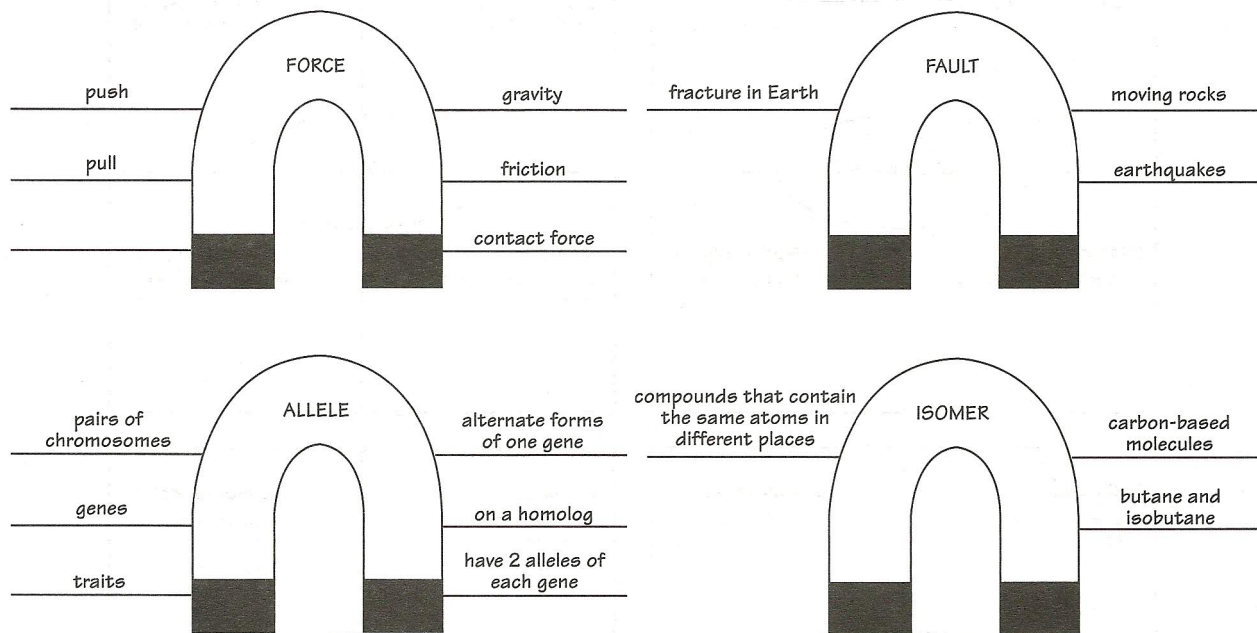


Magnet Word

Magnet word is a good strategy for helping students understand a term by thinking of other words and phrases that are associated with it. For example, if *half-life* is the magnet word, the students should come up with terms and phrases that help them understand the term—such as *radioactivity*, *element*, and *dating of rocks*. Encourage students to use phrases for some of their entries, so that they don't simply write down single terms that they don't understand. The magnet word works well for both broad, conceptual words and specific terms.



Magnet Word

1. Write the word or phrase in the magnet.
2. Think about and look for words and ideas that relate to the word or phrase.
3. Write the words and ideas on the lines around the magnet.

