

Preflight 1

A magician yanks a tablecloth out from under some dishes. Miraculously, the dishes remain on the table where they were. Briefly explain why the dishes were not given much impulse by the tablecloth.

Impulse is force multiplied by time, so the dishes were not given much impulse since the time was so small.

Uh...magic. DUH. ... Good thing we know that physics is all gibberish and the real answer to these questions is magic.

The cloth must be silky smooth.

the magician is not as 'magical' as he seems-- like the members of his audience, he is a slave to the laws of physics...