

Simple Machines

- Most people think of complex, technical, or electronic gadgets with motors..., but machines can be much **SIMPLER**.
- A machine is any device that lets you do **WORK** in an **EASIER** or **BETTER** way.

Machines make work easier by changing 3 things about the **FORCE**:

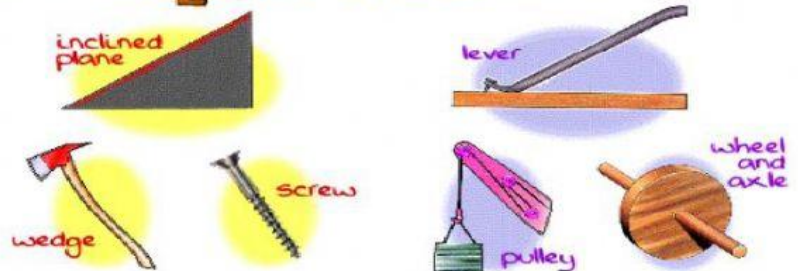
- The amount of force
- The distance of the force
- The direction of the force
- Basically:
Simple machines make work **EASIER**.

What are SIMPLE MACHINES?

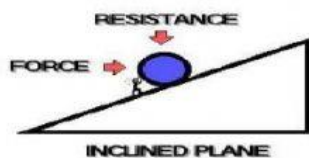
- There are only 6 basic simple machines that make work easier:

- Inclined Plane
- Wedge
- Screw
- Lever
- Wheel & Axle
- Pulley

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SIMPLE MACHINES	WHAT IT IS	HOW IT HELPS US WORK	EXAMPLES
LEVER	A stiff bar that rests on a support called a fulcrum	Lifts or moves loads	Nail clipper, shovel, nutcracker, seesaw, crow-bar, elbow, tweezers, bottle opener
INCLINED PLANE	A slanting surface connecting a lower level to a higher level	Things move up or down it	Slide, stairs, ramp, escalator, slope
WHEEL AND AXLE	A wheel with a rod, called an axle, through its center: both parts move together	Lifts or moves loads	Doorknob, pencil sharpener, bike
PULLEY	A grooved wheel with a rope or cable around it	Moves things up, down, or across	Curtain rod, tow truck, mini-blind, flag pole, crane



INCLINED PLANE: Examples

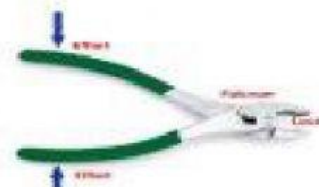
- Ramps (Boat ramps, wheelchair ramps)
- Ladders/Stairs



LEVERS: Examples & Uses

First Class Levers:

- Scissors, See-saws, Pliers



Second Class Levers:

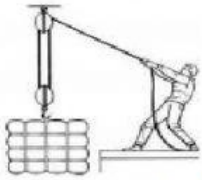
- Staplers, Nutcrackers, Wheelbarrows



Third Class Levers

- Shovels, baseball bats, tweezers

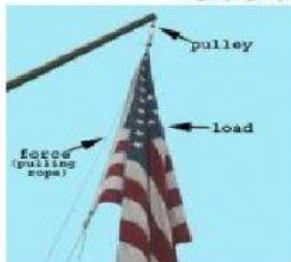




PULLEY: Examples & Uses



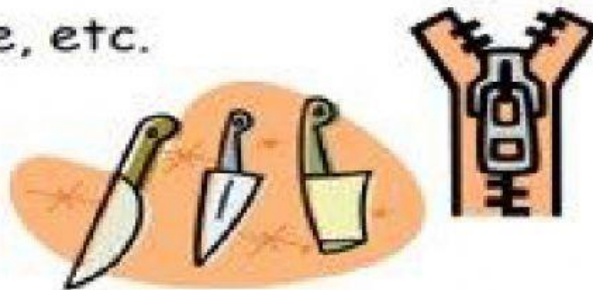
- Cranes
- Raising a flag on a pole
- Window Blinds
- Raising a sail on a boat
- Clothesline



WEDGE: Examples & Uses



- Ax, Knife, etc.
- Zippers



- Used in all cutting machines (to split materials apart)

WHEEL & AXLE: Examples & Uses

- Screwdriver
- Windmill
- Cars/Bicycles
- Rolling Pin
- Door Knob
- Fan



SCREW:

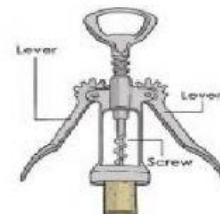
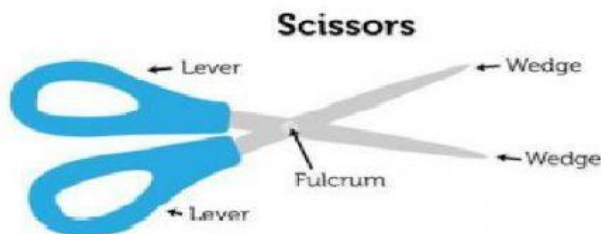
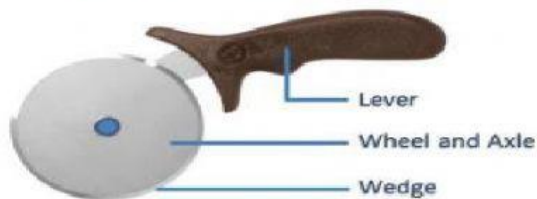
Examples & Uses

- Screws can hold things together or lift materials.
- Screws
- Screw top lids for jars/bottles
- Light bulb
- Swivel stools/chairs



COMPOUND MACHINES

Compound Machines - are made of combinations of two or more simple machines.



Compound Machines

two or more simple machines working together

wheelbarrow 	pencil sharpener 	crane
bulldozer 	clippers 	escalator