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Simple Machines

Write the kind of simple machine that is represented in each picture.



A **pulley** has a wheel that can change the direction of the force. It moves things from a low area to a higher one, or high to lower.

An **inclined plane** allows you to move vertically, with less effort than if you moved straight up.

Levers allow you to lift more weight than you could on your own.

Wedges are a type of inclined plane and are used to lift or separate. Wedges are usually used to tear, cut, or break an object.

A **screw** allows circular movement to be translated into an up or down motion that takes up less horizontal space.

A **wheel and axle** reduces friction when you try to move something across a surface.