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Work

5.1 **What is work?**

- To many people, the word *work* means something they do to earn money.
- The word *work* also means exerting a force with your muscles.


Work

5.1 **What is work?**

- Someone might say they have done work when they push as hard as they can against a wall that doesn't move.
- However, in science the word *work* is used in a different way.

Work

5.1 **Work Makes Something Move**

- Remember that a force is a push or a pull. In order for work to be done, a force must make something move.
- **Work** is the transfer of energy that occurs when a force makes an object move. 
- If you push against the desk and nothing moves, then you haven't done any work.

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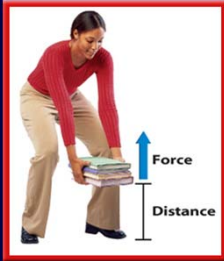
5.1 **Doing work**

- There are two conditions that have to be satisfied for work to be done on an object.
- One is that the applied force must make the object move, and the other is that the movement must be in the same direction as the applied force.

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**5.1** **Doing work**


- For example, when you lift a stack of books, your arms apply a force upward and the books move upward. Because the force and distance are in the same direction, your arms have done work on the books.



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**5.1** **Force and Direction of Motion**

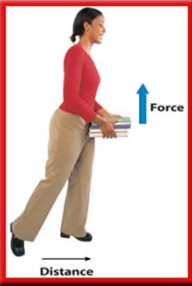


- When you carry books while walking, you might think that your arms are doing work.
- However, in this case, the force exerted by your arms does no work on the books.

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**5.1** **Force and Direction of Motion**



- The force exerted by your arms on the books is upward, but the books are moving horizontally.
- The force you exert is at right angles to the direction the books are moving.

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**5.1** **Work and Energy**

- When work is done, a transfer of energy always occurs.
- This is easy to understand when you think about how you feel after carrying a heavy box up a flight of stairs.
- You transferred energy from your moving muscles to the box and increased its potential energy by increasing its height.

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Work

**5.1** **Work and Energy**

- You may recall that energy is the ability to cause change.
- Another way to think of energy is that energy is the ability to do work.
- If something has energy, it can transfer energy to another object by doing work on that object.

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**5.1** **Work and Energy**


- When you do work on an object, you increase its energy.
- The student carrying the box transfers chemical energy in his muscles to the box.

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5.1 **Work and Energy**

- Energy is always transferred from the object that is doing the work to the object on which the work is done.



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5.1 **Calculating Work**

- The amount of work done depends on the amount of force exerted and the distance over which the force is applied.
- When a force is exerted and an object moves in the direction of the force, the amount of work done can be calculated as follows.

**Work Equation**

work (in joules) = applied force (in newtons) × distance (in meters)

$$W = Fd$$

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Work

5.1 **Calculating Work**

- In this equation, force is measured in newtons and distance is measured in meters.
- Work, like energy, is measured in joules.
- One joule is about the amount of work required to lift a baseball a vertical distance of 0.7 m.

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5.1 **When is work done?**

- Suppose you give a book a push and it slides along a table for a distance of 1 m before it comes to a stop.
- Even though the book moved 1 m, you do work on the book only while your hand is in contact with it.

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5.1 **Power**


- Suppose you and another student are pushing boxes of books up a ramp and load them into a truck.
- To make the job more fun, you make a game of it, racing to see who can push a box up the ramp faster.

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5.1 **Power**



- Power** is the amount of work done in one second. It is a rate—the rate at which work is done.

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**5.1** **Calculating Power**

- To calculate power, divide the work done by the time that is required to do the work.

**Power Equation**

$$\text{Power (in watts)} = \frac{\text{work (in joules)}}{\text{time (in seconds)}}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

- The SI unit for power is the watt (W). One watt equals one joule of work done in one second.

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Work

**5.1** **Calculating Power**

- Because the watt is a small unit, power often is expressed in kilowatts.
- One kilowatt (kW) equals 1,000 W.

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Work

**5.1** **Power and Energy**

- Just as power is the rate at which work is done, power is also the rate at which energy is transferred.
- When energy is transferred, the power involved can be calculated by dividing the energy transferred by the time needed for the transfer to occur.

**Power Equation for Energy Transfer**

$$\text{power (in watts)} = \frac{\text{energy transferred (in joules)}}{\text{time (in seconds)}}$$

$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$

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**5.1**

**Question 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the transfer of energy that occurs when a force makes an object move.

A. Conversion  
B. Energization  
C. Power  
D. Work

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**Answer**

The answer is D. In order for work to be done, the applied force must make the object move in the same direction as the applied force.

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**Question 2**

The amount of work done depends on what two things?

**Answer**

The amount of work done depends on the amount of force exerted and the distance over which the force is applied.

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**Question 3**

Which of the following equations can be used to calculate power?

A.  $W = F/d$   
 B.  $P = Wt$   
 C.  $t = W/P$   
 D.  $P = t/W$

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**Answer**

The answer is C. This is a rearrangement of the equation for calculating power,  
 $P = W/t$ .

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**What is a machine?**

- A **machine** is a device that makes doing work easier.
- Machines can be simple.
- Some, like knives, scissors, and doorknobs, are used everyday to make doing work easier.



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5.2

**Making Work Easier**

- Machines can make work easier by increasing the force that can be applied to an object.
- A second way that machines can make work easier is by increasing the distance over which a force can be applied.
- Machines can also make work easier by changing the direction of an applied force.


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5.2

**Increasing Force**



- A car jack is an example of a machine that increases an applied force.
- The upward force exerted by the jack is greater than the downward force you exert on the handle.

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5.2

**Increasing Force**

- However, the distance you push the handle downward is greater than the distance the car is pushed upward.
- The jack increases the applied force, but doesn't increase the work done.

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Using Machines

5.2 **Force and Distance**

- The work done in lifting an object depends on the change in height of the object.
- The same amount of work is done whether the mover pushed the furniture up the long ramp or lifts it straight up.
- If work stays the same and the distance is increased, then less force will be needed to do the work.


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5.2 **Changing Direction**

- Some machines change the direction of the force you apply.
- The wedge-shaped blade of an ax is one example.




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5.2 **The Work Done by Machines**

- When you use an ax to split wood, you exert a downward force as you swing the ax toward the wood.
- The blade changes the downward force into a horizontal force that splits the wood apart.



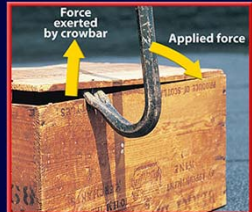
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5.2 **The Work Done by Machines**

- When you use a machine such as a crowbar, you are trying to move something that resists being moved.
- If you use a crowbar to pry the lid off a crate, you are working against the friction between the nails in the lid and the crate.



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5.2 **The Work Done by Machines**

- You also could use a crowbar to move a large rock.
- In this case, you would be working against gravity—the weight of the rock.

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Using Machines

5.2 **Input and Output Forces**

- Two forces are involved when a machine is used to do work.
- The force that is applied to the machine is called the **input force**.
- $F_{in}$  stands for the effort force.
- The force applied by the machine is called the **output force**, symbolized by  $F_{out}$ .

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Using Machines

5.2 **Input and Output Forces**

- Two kinds of work need to be considered when you use a machine—the work done by you on the machine and the work done by the machine.
- The work done by you on a machine is called the input work and is symbolized by  $W_{in}$ .
- The work done by the machine is called the output work and is abbreviated  $W_{out}$ .

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5.2 **Conserving Energy**

- When you do work on the machine, you transfer energy to the machine.
- When the machine does work on an object, energy is transferred from the machine to the object.

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5.2 **Conserving Energy**

- The amount of energy the machine transfers to the object cannot be greater than the amount of energy you transfer to the machine.
- A machine cannot create energy, so  $W_{out}$  is never greater than  $W_{in}$ .

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5.2 **Conserving Energy**

- When a machine is used, some of the energy transferred changes to heat due to friction.
- The energy that changes to heat cannot be used to do work, so  $W_{out}$  is always smaller than  $W_{in}$ .

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5.2 **Ideal Machines**

- Suppose a perfect machine could be built in which there was no friction.
- None of the input work or output work would be converted to heat.
- For such an ideal machine, the input work equals the output work.

$$W_{in} = W_{out}$$

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5.2 **Ideal Machines**

- Suppose the ideal machine increases the force applied to it.
- This means that the output force,  $F_{out}$ , is greater than the input force,  $F_{in}$ .
- Recall that work is equal to force times distance.

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5.2 **Ideal Machines**

- If  $F_{\text{out}}$  is greater than  $F_{\text{in}}$ , then  $W_{\text{in}}$  and  $W_{\text{out}}$  can be equal only if the input force is applied over a greater distance than the output force is exerted over.

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5.2 **Mechanical Advantage**

- The ratio of the output force to the input force is the **mechanical advantage** of a machine.
- The mechanical advantage of a machine can be calculated from the following equation.

**Mechanical Advantage Equation**

$$\text{mechanical advantage} = \frac{\text{output force (in newtons)}}{\text{input force (in newtons)}}$$

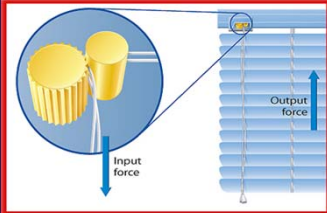
$$MA = \frac{F_{\text{out}}}{F_{\text{in}}}$$

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5.2 **Mechanical Advantage**

- Window blinds are a machine that changes the direction of an input force.



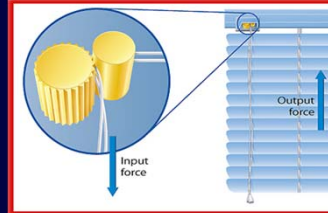
- A downward pull on the cord is changed to an upward force on the blinds.

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5.2 **Mechanical Advantage**

- The input and output forces are equal, so the MA is 1.



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5.2 **Ideal Mechanical Advantage**

- The mechanical advantage of a machine without friction is called the ideal mechanical advantage, or IMA.
- The IMA can be calculated by dividing the input distance by the output distance.

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5.2 **Efficiency**

- Efficiency** is a measure of how much of the work put into a machine is changed into useful output work by the machine.
- A machine with high efficiency produces less heat from friction so more of the input work is changed to useful output work.

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**5.2 Calculating Efficiency**

- To calculate the efficiency of a machine, the output work is divided by the input work.
- Efficiency is usually expressed as a percentage by this equation:

**Efficiency Equation**

$$\text{efficiency (\%)} = \frac{\text{output work (in joules)}}{\text{input work (in joules)}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{W_{out}}{W_{in}} \times 100\%$$

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**5.2 Calculating Efficiency**

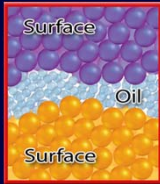
- In an ideal machine there is no friction and the output work equals the input work. So the efficiency of an ideal machine is 100 percent.
- The efficiency of a real machine is always less than 100 percent.

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**5.2 Increasing Efficiency**

- Machines can be made more efficient by reducing friction. This usually is done by adding a lubricant, such as oil or grease, to surfaces that rub together.
- A lubricant fills in the gaps between the surfaces, enabling the surfaces to slide past each other more easily.



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**5.2 Question 1**

What do a knife, a doorknob, and a car jack have in common?

**Answer**

These are all machines, because they are devices that make doing work easier.

END

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**5.2 Question 2**

When a machine is used to do work, the force that is applied to the machine is the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Fulcrum  
 B. input force  
 C. mechanical advantage  
 D. output force

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**5.2 Answer**

The answer is B. The input force is applied to the machine

END

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**Question 3**

What is the effect of increasing a machine's efficiency?

**Answer**

Increasing efficiency increases the amount of input energy converted to useful output.


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**5.3**

**Types of Simple Machines**

- A **simple machine** is a machine that does work with only one movement of the machine.



- There are six types of simple machines: lever, pulley, wheel and axle, inclined plane, screw and wedge.

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**5.3**

**Levers**

- A **lever** is a bar that is free to pivot or turn around a fixed point.
- The fixed point the lever pivots on is called the fulcrum.

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**5.3**

**Levers**

- The input arm of the lever is the distance from the fulcrum to the point where the input force is applied.
- The output arm is the distance from the fulcrum to the point where the output force is exerted by the lever.

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**5.3**

**Levers**

- The output force produced by a lever depends on the lengths of the input arm and the output arm.
- If the output arm is longer than the input arm, the law of conservation of energy requires that the output force be less than the input force.

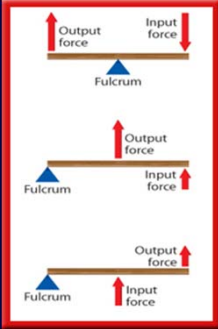
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**Levers**

- If the output arm is shorter than the input arm, then the output force is greater than the input force.
- There are three classes of levers.



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**5.3 Ideal Mechanical Advantage of a Lever**

- The ideal mechanical advantage, or IMA, can be calculated for any machine by dividing the input distance by the output distance.
- For a lever, the input distance is the length of the input arm and the output distance is the length of the output arm.

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**5.3 Ideal Mechanical Advantage of a Lever**

- The IMA of a lever can be calculated from this equation:

**Ideal Mechanical Advantage of a Lever**

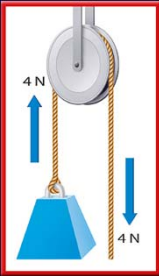
ideal mechanical advantage =  $\frac{\text{length of input arm (m)}}{\text{length of output arm (m)}}$

$$IMA = \frac{L_{in}}{L_{out}}$$

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**5.3 Pulleys**

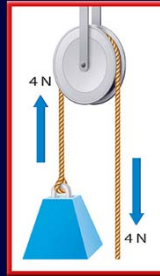


- A **pulley** is a grooved wheel with a rope, chain, or cable running along the groove.
- A fixed pulley is a modified first-class lever.
- The axle of the pulley acts as the fulcrum.

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**5.3 Pulleys**



- The two sides of the pulley are the input arm and output arm.
- A pulley can change the direction of the input force or increase input force, depending on whether the pulley is fixed or moveable.

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**5.3 Fixed Pulleys**

- A fixed pulley is attached to something that doesn't move, such as a ceiling or wall.
- Because a fixed pulley changes only the direction of force, the IMA is 1.

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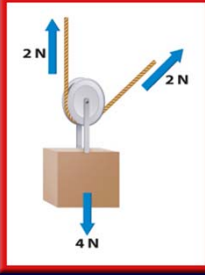
**5.3 Movable Pulleys**

- A pulley in which one end of the rope is fixed and the wheel is free to move is called a movable pulley.
- Unlike a fixed pulley, a movable pulley does multiply force.

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**5.3 Movable Pulleys**



- With a movable pulley, the attached side of the rope supports half of the 4-N weight.
- You have to apply a 2-N force to lift the weight.

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**5.3 Movable Pulleys**

- The output force exerted on the weight is 4 N, and the applied input force is 2 N.
- Therefore the IMA of the movable pulley is 2.

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**5.3 Movable Pulleys**

- For a fixed pulley, the distance you pull the rope downward equals the distance the weight moves upward.
- For a movable pulley, the distance you pull the rope upward is twice the distance the weight moves upward.

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**5.3 The Block and Tackle**

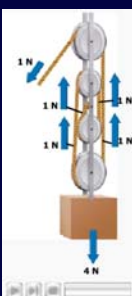
- A system of pulleys consisting of fixed and movable pulleys is called a block and tackle.
- The IMA of a pulley system is equal to the number of rope segments that support the weight.

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**5.3 The Block and Tackle**

- The block and tackle shown has a IMA of 4.



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**5.3 Wheel and Axle**



- A **wheel and axle** is a simple machine consisting of a shaft or axle attached to the center of a larger wheel, so that the wheel and axle rotate together.

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5.3 **Wheel and Axle**

- Doorknobs, screwdrivers, and faucet handles are examples of wheel and axles.
- Usually the input force is applied to the wheel, and the output force is exerted by the axle.

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5.3 **Mechanical Advantage of the Wheel and Axle**

- A wheel and axle is another modified lever.
- The center of the axle is the fulcrum.
- The input force is applied at the rim of the wheel.
- So the length of the input arm is the radius of the wheel.

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5.3 **Mechanical Advantage of the Wheel and Axle**

- The output force is exerted at the rim of the axle.
- So the length of the output arm is the radius of the axle.
- The IMA of a wheel and axle is given by this equation:

**Ideal Mechanical Advantage of Wheel and Axle**

ideal mechanical advantage =  $\frac{\text{radius of wheel (m)}}{\text{radius of axle (m)}}$

$$IMA = \frac{r_w}{r_a}$$

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5.3 **Gears**

- A gear is a wheel and axle with the wheel having teeth around its rim.
- When two gears of different sizes are interlocked, they rotate at different rates.
- Each rotation of the larger gear causes the smaller gear to make more than one rotation.

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5.3 **Gears**


- If the input force is applied to the larger gear, the output force exerted by the smaller gear is less than the input force.
- Gears also may change the direction of the force.
- When the larger gear is rotated clockwise, the smaller gear rotates counterclockwise.

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5.3 **Inclined Planes**

- A sloping surface, such as a ramp that reduces the amount of force required to do work, is an **inclined plane**.



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5.3 **Mechanical Advantage of an Inclined Plane**

- By pushing a box up an inclined plane, the input force is exerted over a longer distance compared to lifting the box straight up.
- The IMA of an inclined plane can be calculated from this equation.

**Ideal Mechanical Advantage of Inclined Plane**

$$\text{ideal mechanical advantage} = \frac{\text{length of slope (m)}}{\text{height of slope (m)}}$$

$$IMA = \frac{l}{h}$$

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5.3 **Mechanical Advantage of an Inclined Plane**

- The IMA of an inclined plane for a given height is increased by making the plane longer.

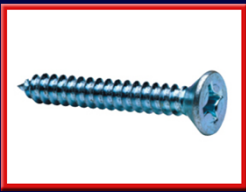
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5.3 **The Screw**

- A **screw** is an inclined plane wrapped in a spiral around a cylindrical post.



- You apply the input force by turning the screw.
- The output force is exerted along the threads of the screw.

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5.3 **The Screw**

- The IMA of a screw is related to the spacing of the threads.
- The IMA is larger if the threads are closer together. However, if the IMA is larger, more turns of the screw are needed to drive it into some material.

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5.3 **The Wedge**

- The wedge is also a simple machine where the inclined plane moves through an object or material.
- A **wedge** is an inclined plane with one or two sloping sides. It changes the direction of the input force.

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5.3 **Compound Machines**

- Two or more simple machines that operate together form a **compound machine**.
- A car is a compound machine.
- Burning fuel in the cylinders of the engine causes the pistons to move up and down.


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5.3 **Compound Machines**

- This up-and-down motion makes the crankshaft rotate.



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5.3 **Compound Machines**

- The force exerted by the rotating crankshaft is transmitted to the wheels through other parts of the car, such as the transmission and the differential.
- Both of these parts contain gears, that can change the rate at which the wheels rotate, the force exerted by the wheels, and even reverse the direction of rotation.

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**Question 1**

What is the difference between a first-class lever and a second-class lever?

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**Answer**

In a first-class lever the fulcrum is between the input and output forces; in a second-class lever, the output force is between the input force and the fulcrum.



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**Question 2**

Which is a third-class lever?

A. baseball bat  
B. pulley  
C. screwdriver  
D. wheelbarrow

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**Answer**

The answer is A. The output force exerted by a third-class lever is less than the input force, but the distance over which the output force is applied is increased.

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**Question 3**

A fixed pulley changes only \_\_\_\_\_.

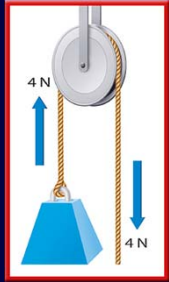
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**Answer**

A fixed pulley changes only the direction of force, and the IMA is 1.






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