

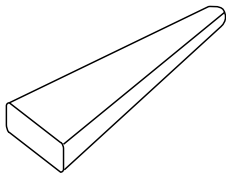
CHAPERONE GUIDE

FOR SIMPLE MACHINES FIELD TRIP

TEACHERS AND CHAPERONES: The Simple Machines guide is a tool for students to explore the Museum to find each of the 6 simple machines. Your job is to assist them through their exploration, but not to “tell” them the answers. In fact, there are lots of “right answers” for this activity. Allow the students to find the Simple Machines on their own. If they get really stuck, you can guide them to some of the exhibits listed. Have fun exploring the world of Simple Machines!

WEDGE

An inclined plane that is thick at one end and tapers to a point on the other, often used to separate things.

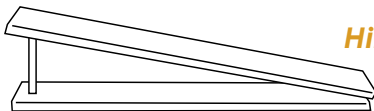


Stuck? Try looking here: Ships Through the Ages (ground floor), Take Flight (Balcony), Transportation Gallery (main floor)

Hint: The pointed fronts of the boats, airplanes, and trains and the airplane wings are all examples of wedges.

INCLINED PLANE

A flat surface with one edge raised higher than the other.

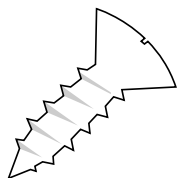


Stuck? Try looking here: Jollyball (ground floor)

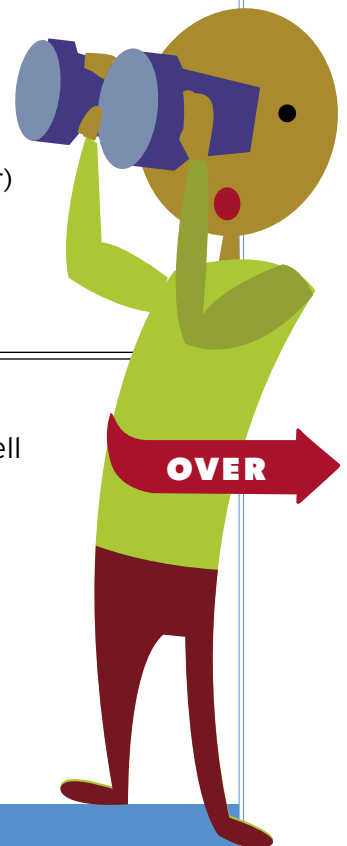
Hint: Look for ramps.

SCREW

A specialized simple machine that is used to raise and lower things as well as hold things together.

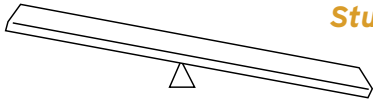


Stuck? Try looking here: Farm Tech (ground floor)



LEVER

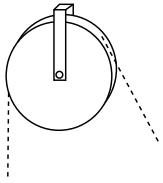
Bar used for raising or moving weights centered on a fulcrum.



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PULLEY

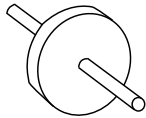
A simple machine with one or more grooved wheels connected by a rope.



Stuck? Try looking here: Jollyball (ground floor), Ships through the Ages (ground floor)

WHEEL AND AXLE

A moveable simple machine centered on a fixed point.



Stuck? Try looking here: Transportation Gallery (main floor), Racing Cars (ground floor)