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S I M P L E M A C H I N E S

Read about each simple machine. Then cross out the picture that is not an example of that type of machine.

A **lever** is a bar that is used to help move something. A crowbar and a see-saw are levers.



A **pulley** is a grooved wheel that holds a rope. It helps move things. A crane and exercise equipment use pulleys.



A **wheel and axle** make it easier to push or pull something. A bicycle and a steering wheel have wheels and axles.



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An **inclined plane** is a slanted surface connecting two levels. It helps move things up or down. An escalator and a trailer ramp are inclined planes.



A **wedge** is a tool with a slanting side that ends in a sharp edge. It helps to separate things. A nail and an pickaxe are wedges.



A **screw** is an inclined plane that goes in a spiral. It helps hold things together. A light bulb and the end of a garden hose work with screws.

