



# **Work and Machines**

Underlined words and phrases are to be filled in by students on the Note-taking Worksheet.

#### Section 2 **Using Machines**

- A. Device that makes doing work easier is a machine.
- B. Machines increase applied force and/or change direction of applied force to make work easier.
  - 1. Same amount of work can be done by applying a small force over a long distance as can be done applying a large force over a short distance, since work equals force times distance.
  - 2. Increasing distance reduces the amount of force needed to do the work.
  - 3. Some machines change the direction of the applied force to do the work.
- C. Machines help move things that resist being moved.
  - 1. Force applied to machine is **input force**.
  - 2. Output force—force applied by machine to overcome resistance
  - 3. Amount of energy the machine transfers to the object cannot be greater than the amount of energy transferred to the machine.
    - a. Some energy transferred is changed to heat due to friction.
    - b. An ideal machine with no friction would have the same input work and output work.
- D. Mechanical advantage (MA) is the number of times a machine multiplies the effort force. It is calculated by MA equals resistance force divided by effort force.
- E. Efficiency—measure of how much of the work put into a machine is changed into useful output work by the machine
  - 1. Calculating efficiency—efficiency equals (output work divided by input work) times 100%
  - 2. Efficiency of a machine is always less than 100%.
  - 3. Lubricants can make machines more efficient by reducing friction.

### Discussion Ouestion

Why is a machine's efficiency less than 100%? Some energy is converted to heat due to friction.





# Content Outline Work and Machines

Underlined words and phrases are to be filled in by students on the Note-taking Worksheet.

### **Section 3** Simple Machines

- A. A machine that does work with only one movement is a simple machine.
- B. Lever—bar that is free to pivot about a fixed point called the fulcrum
  - 1. <u>Input</u> arm is part of the lever on which effort force is applied.
  - 2. Output arm is part of the lever that exerts the resistance force.
  - 3. Three classes of levers based on positions of effort force, resistance force, and fulcrum
    - **a.** <u>First-class</u> lever—fulcrum is located between the effort and resistance forces; multiplies and changes direction of force
    - **b.** <u>Second-class</u> lever—resistance force is located between the effort force and fulcrum; always multiplies force
    - c. <u>Third-class</u> lever—effort force is between the resistance force and fulcrum; doesn't multiply force but does increase distance over which force is applied
  - **4.** Calculating ideal mechanical advantage (IMA) of a lever—IMA equals length of input arm divided by length of output arm
- **C.** Grooved wheel with a rope, simple chain, or cable running along the groove is a <u>pulley</u>, which is a modified first-class lever.
  - 1. A <u>fixed</u> pulley is attached to something that doesn't move; force is not multiplied but direction is changed; IMA = 1.
  - 2. A <u>movable</u> pulley has one end of the rope fixed and the wheel free to move; multiplies force; IMA = 2.
  - **3.** <u>Block and tackle</u>—system of pulleys consisting of fixed and movable pulleys; IMA = number of ropes supporting resistance weight
- **D.** Wheel and axle—machine with two wheels of different sizes rotating together; modified lever form
  - **1.** IMA = radius of wheel  $\underline{\text{divided}}$  by the radius of axle
  - 2. Gears are a modified form of the wheel and axle.





# Work and Machines (continued)

- E. <u>Inclined Plane</u>—sloping surface that reduces the amount of force required to do work
  - 1. IMA = length of slope (effort distance) <u>divided</u> by height of slope (resistance distance)
  - 2. Less force is required if a ramp is longer and less steep.
- F. Screw—inclined plane wrapped in a spiral around a cylindrical post
- G. Inclined plane with one or two sloping sides is a wedge.
- H. Compound machine—uses a combination of two or more simple machines

### Discussion Question

What are the two basic machines, and what other machines can they be modified to become? Lever—modified into pulley, wheel and axle; inclined plane—modified into screw and wedge



# **Work and Machines**

Underlined words and phrases are to be filled in by students on the Note-taking Worksheet.

#### Section 1 Work

- A. Work—transfer of energy that occurs when a force makes an object move
  - 1. For work to occur, an object must move.
  - **2.** The motion of the object must be in the <u>same direction</u> as the applied force on the object.
- **B.** Work and energy are related, since energy is always <u>transferred</u> from the object doing the work to the object on which the work is done.
- C. Work is done on an object only when a <u>force</u> is being applied to the object and the object moves.
- D. Calculating work—work equals force (in newtons) times distance
- E. <u>Power</u>—amount of work done in a certain amount of time; rate at which work is done
  - 1. Calculating power—power equals work divided by time.
  - 2. Power is measured in watts (W).
  - **3.** Since work and energy are <u>related</u>, power also can be calculated—power equals energy divided by time.

### Discussion Question\_

How are work and energy related? Energy is transferred from an object doing work to an object being worked on.