Warm Up- Discuss with Partner

1.) What is the difference between a simple and complex machine?

2.) What are some basic household items that are considered complex machines, but are simply a few simple machines combined?

- A simple machine is made of 1 component while a complex machine is several simple machines put together
- scissors, bikes, can openers, doors...

 3.) Which simple machine is often said • the wheel to be humankind's greatest invention?



Simple Machines: make work easier for us by allowing us to push or pull over increased distances.

6 Main Types: inclined plane, lever, pulley, screw, wedge, wheel and axle









K'Nex Lab



1. In your group, Brainstorm a problem you want to solve with a machine.

2. Sketch a plan for your machine on a sheet of paper.- This will be turned in!

3. Look through your boxes of K'nex and assign group member to build different parts of your machine. You will then put these together to form your final product!













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1.) Why might it help us to know	 so we know how
the mechanical advantage of a	much force is needed
machine?	to move an object
2.) A machine makes tasks easier by multiplying input	 forces OR distances; but not both at the same time
3.) Can the mechanical advantage	 yes, but it doesn't
of a machine be less than 1?	mean it isn't useful

Mechanical Advantage of Machines Simple machines can multiply input forces or input distances, but never both at the same time. If a machine has a mechanical advantage less than 1, it means that instead of multiplying force, the machine multiplies

> a broom doesn't push the dust with as much force as you use to push the brook, but a small movement of your arm pushes the dust a large distance

distance

- Ideal Mechanical Advantage: the mechanical advantage a machine should have if there was no friction or wear on the machine
- Actual Mechanical Advantage: the physical measurements of the input and output forces





Quiz on Circuits & Simple Machines!

When you finish your quiz, start working on the Levers Worksheet.



