

# All Work and no Play

Work, work, work. You might head off to your job one day, sit at a computer, and type away at the keys.

*Is that work?*

To a physicist, only parts of it are.

Work is done when a **force** that is applied to an object moves that object.

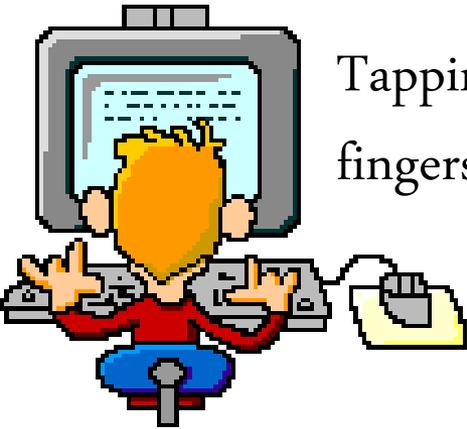


Answer #2 on your  
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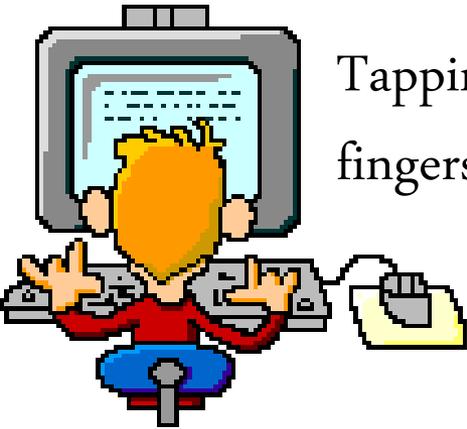


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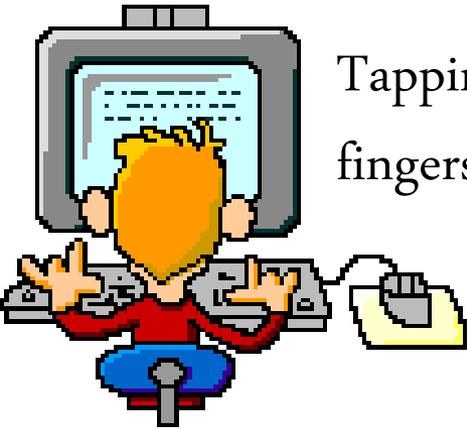


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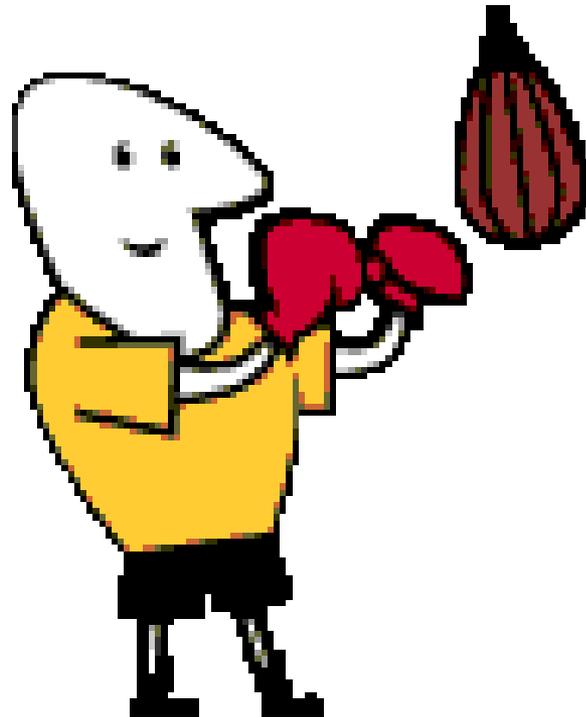
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...but the energy your car engine uses to move the car does work.

You have to exert a **force** AND **move**  
something in the **same direction** as the force  
to qualify as doing **work**.



The work is calculated by multiplying the force by the amount of movement of an object. The formula is:

$$\text{(Work = Force x Distance)}$$

The unit for work is the joule.



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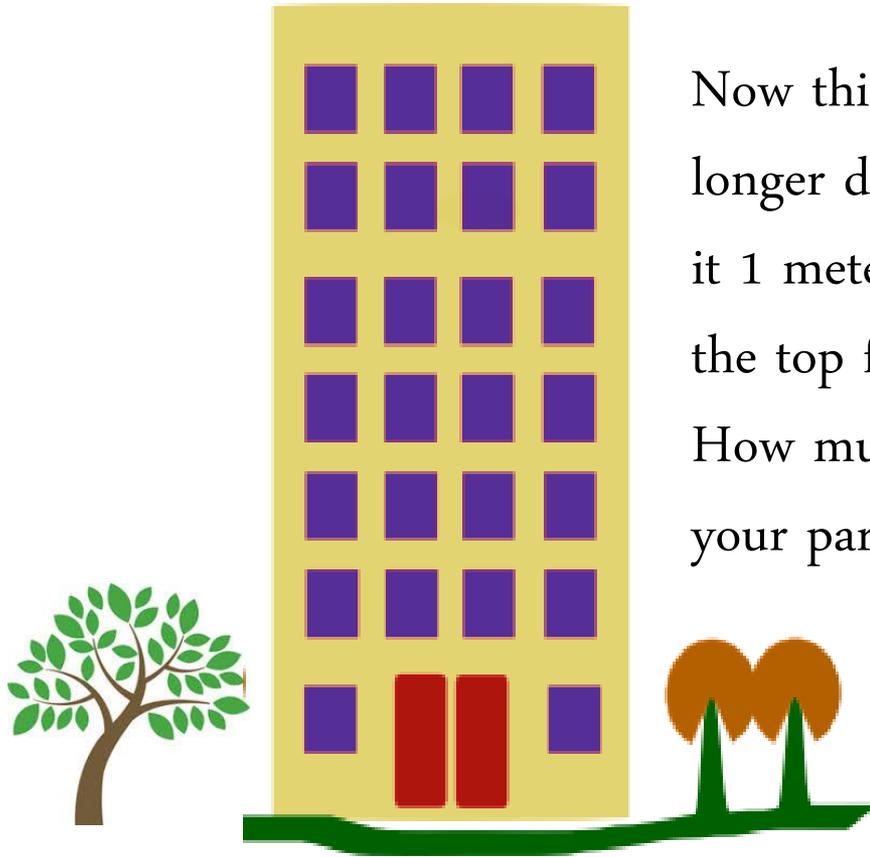




Therefore, the heavier the object, the more work needed to move the object the same distance! Seems logical, but now you know why!

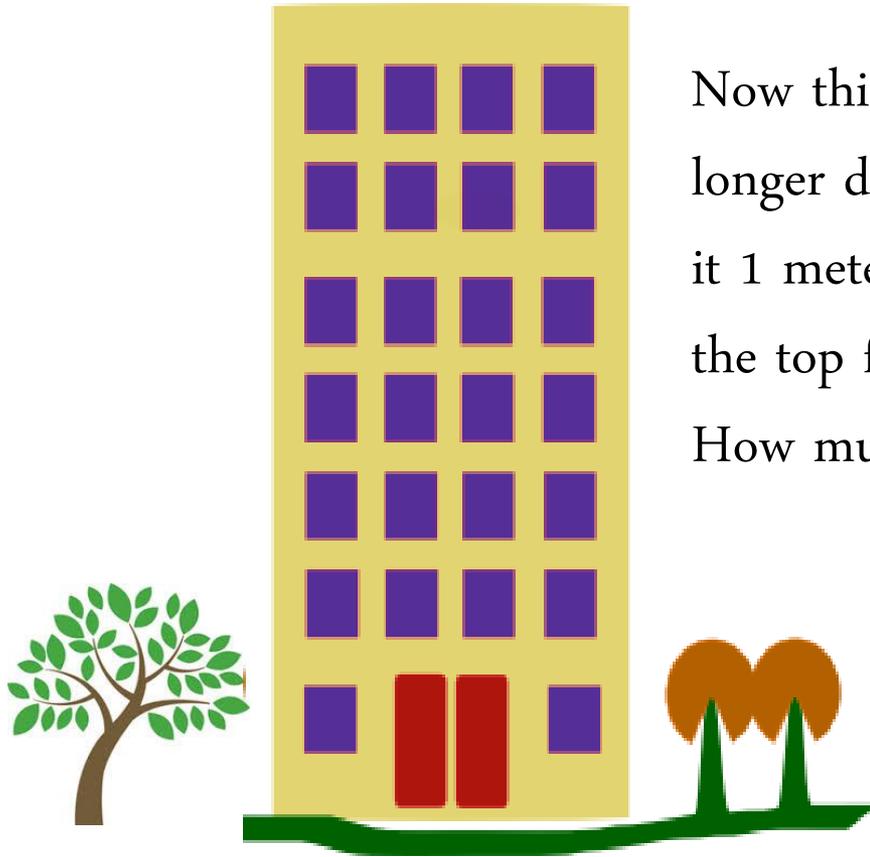


# Another example:



Now think about lifting the first tree (100N) up a longer distance. You did 100 joules of work lifting it 1 meter. Suppose you needed to lift the tree to the top floor of a building that is **40 meters tall**. How much work would you do? Calculate this with your partner before moving on. ( **$W = F \times D$** )

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$$(W = F \times D)$$

$$100 \text{ newtons} \times 40 \text{ meters} = \\ 4,000 \text{ Joules (of work)}$$

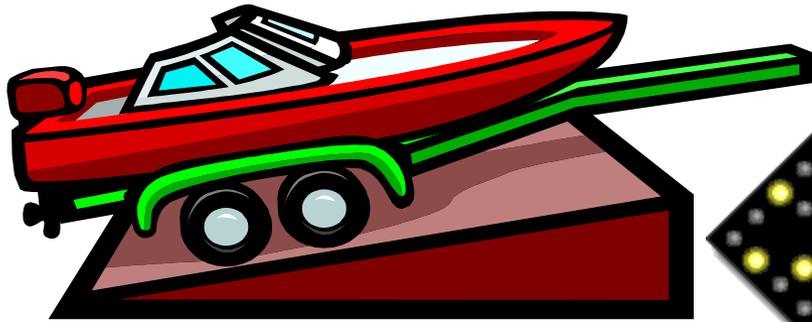
(**40 times** as much work as you did lifting it 1-meter!)



Therefore, if you try to move the same object a longer distance, more work is needed! Again, seems logical, but now you know why!

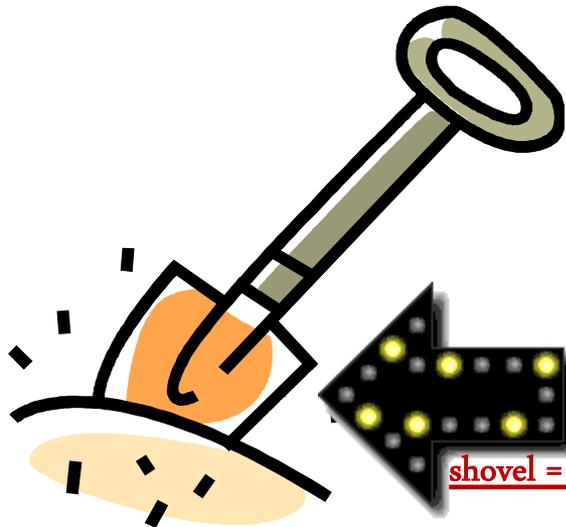


A simple machine is a device that has one or two parts which you can use to make **work** easier or more effective.

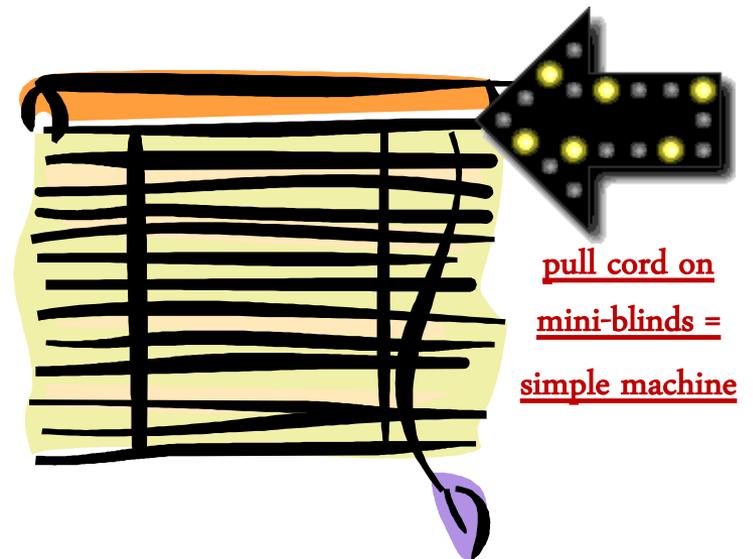


boat ramp = simple machine

knife = simple machine



shovel = simple machine



pull cord on mini-blinds = simple machine

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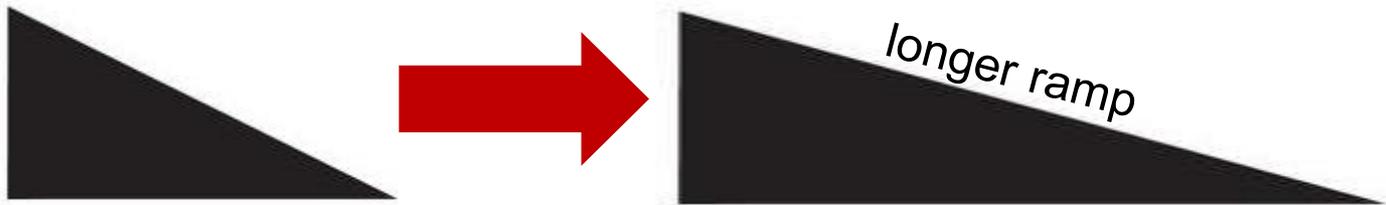


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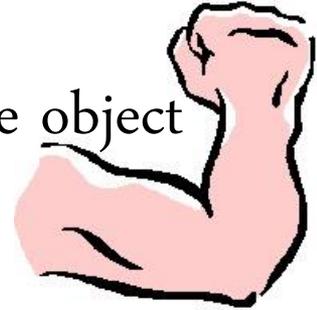


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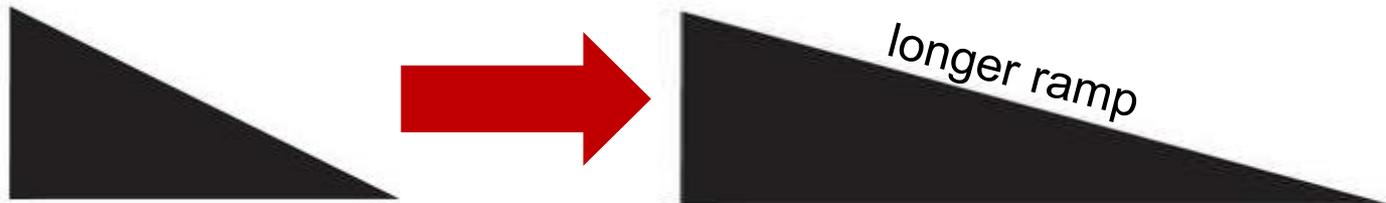


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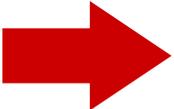
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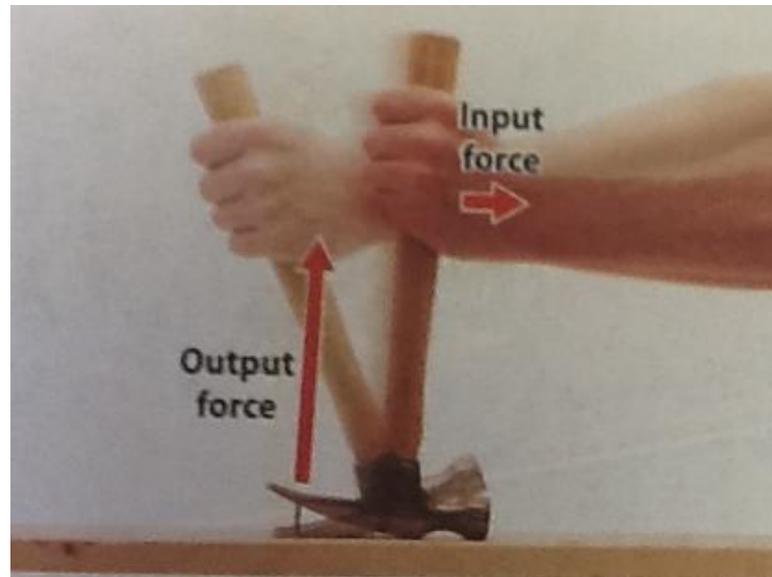


**CHANGING** the **DIRECTION** in which you exert your force.

The force you apply to the simple machine is called the

 **INPUT FORCE.**

The machine does work by exerting a force on the object over a distance. The force exerted by the machine on the object to be moved is the **OUTPUT FORCE.** 



The hammer  
moves the  
nail.(output force)

You move the  
hammer. (input  
force)

# MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE

A machine's mechanical advantage is a ratio of the output force to the input force. It indicates how much the simple machine changes the input force (the force you apply to it.)

$$\text{Mechanical Advantage} = \frac{\text{Output Force}}{\text{Input Force}}$$



A machine's mechanical advantage can be:

less than 1, equal to 1, or greater than 1

# Mechanical Advantage of **Increasing Force**

For a simple machine that increases the force, the mechanical advantage is greater than 1.

So, the **output** force (the force the machine exerts) is **GREATER** than the **input** force (the force you put on the machine.)

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$$\frac{\text{Output Force} = 60 \text{ Newtons}}{\text{Input Force} = 20 \text{ Newtons}} = \mathbf{3}$$



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The can opener **TRIPLED** your force!

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For a machine that increases distance, the mechanical advantage is **LESS** than 1, which means a **lesser force is exerted by the machine, but over a longer distance.**

For Example: If you exert a force of 20 Newtons on a high gear while riding your bicycle and the bicycle exerts a force of 10 Newtons on the moving parts , the mechanical advantage is:

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$$\frac{\text{Output Force}}{\text{Input Force}} = \frac{10 \text{ Newtons}}{20 \text{ Newtons}} = .5$$

You are putting more force on the pedal but the bike exerts the force for a longer distance than you normally can.



# Mechanical Advantage of **Changing Direction**

If only the direction changes, the input force will be the **SAME** as the output force. This means the mechanical advantage is **one**. You still exert a force, but because it is in a different direction, it is easier to do.

## **For example:**

A sailor pulls on a rope to raise the sail. The pull changes the direction of the force, so it is easier to raise the sail.



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## So, some machines allow you to:

- use less force over a greater distance (can opener,)
- more force over a shorter distance (bike gears,)
- or the same force in a different direction (sail.)

In the end, you do as much work with the machine as you do without the machine, but the work is easier.



# For example:

If you had to get a piano onto the stage in the cafeteria, you could LIFT it up to the stage or PUSH it up a RAMP.

If you use a ramp, the distance over which you must exert your force is longer than if you lifted the piano...

...but the advantage of the ramp is that it allows you to exert a smaller force to push the piano than to lift it.



There are SIX types of machines which make work easier.

They are called SIMPLE MACHINES!

The Wedge



The Wheel & Axle



The Screw

The Lever

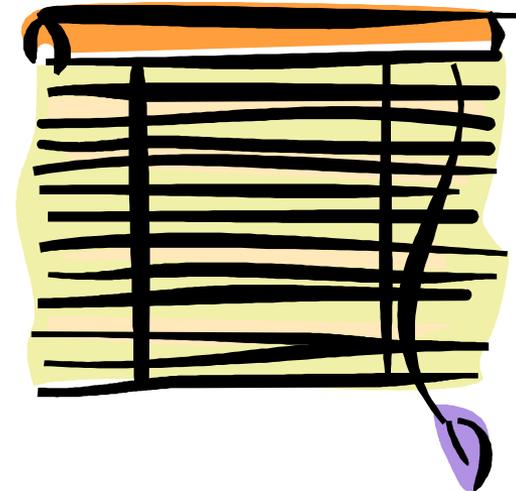


And the two we will focus on this year:

\*The Inclined Plane



\*The Pulley



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