Lesson Outline

LESSON 3

Simple Machines

A.	What	is	a	simple	machine?

1. A(n) ______ is a machine that does work using only one movement.

2. These machines do work in a(n) _____ motion.

B. Levers

1. A(n) ______ is a simple machine made of a bar that pivots or rotates about a fixed point.

2. The point that a lever pivots on is called a(n) ______.

3. The distance from the fulcrum to the input force is the

_____; the distance from the fulcrum to the output force is the _____

4. With a first-class lever, the fulcrum is ______ the input force and the output force.

5. With a second-class lever, the ________ force is between the _____ force and the fulcrum.

6. With a third-class lever, the _______ force is between the force and the fulcrum.

of a lever equals the length of the input arm **7.** The ideal _____ divided by the length of the output arm.

a. The mechanical advantage of a(n) ______-class lever can vary, depending on the location of the fulcrum.

b. In a second-class lever, the ______ arm is always longer than

c. In a third-class lever, the ______ arm is always shorter than

8. In the human body, ______ provide force for the levers.

a. The neck is a(n) _______-class lever, with the neck muscles providing the ______ force.

b. The foot is a(n) ______-class lever, and the arm is a(n) -class lever.

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- **C.** Wheel and Axle
 - **1.** A(n) _____ is an axle attached to the center of a wheel and both rotate together.
 - 2. For a wheel and axle, the length of the input arm is the _____ of the wheel; the length of the output arm is the _____ of the axle.
- **D.** Inclined Planes
 - **1.** A(n) ______ is a flat, sloped surface.
 - **2.** The ideal mechanical advantage of an inclined plane is the _____ of the inclined plane divided by its .
 - **3.** A sloped surface that moves is called a(n) ______.
 - **4.** A(n) ______ is an inclined plane wrapped around a cylinder.
 - _____ is a simple machine that is a grooved wheel with a rope or cable wrapped around it.
 - **6.** A(n) ______ pulley only changes the direction of the force.
 - _____ pulley decreases the force but increases the distance over which the force acts.
 - 8. The ideal mechanical advantage of a pulley is equal to the number of _____ of rope pulling up on the object.
- **E.** What is a compound machine?
 - **1.** Two or more simple machines that operate together form a(n)

_____ machine.

- _____is a wheel and axle that has teeth around **2.** A(n) _____ the wheel.
- **3.** When the teeth of two or more gears ______, the turning of one gear makes the other(s) turn.
- **4.** The speed and force of gears is affected by the ______ of the gears.
- **5.** The efficiency of a compound machine is determined by
 - _____ the efficiency of each component machine together.