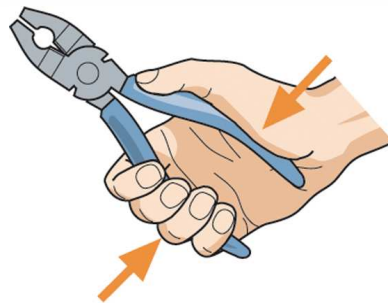
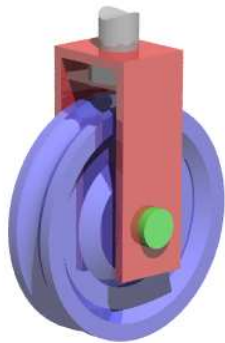


THE IMPORTANCE OF MACHINES.



Machines have always been useful for humans. Before electricity or engines were invented, we had to do everything by ourselves. All over the history machines have been important.

Simple machines were used in Egypt to build the pyramids. They used very big blocks of stone, and they could not move them just pushing. They used levers to pick them up and rollers and ramps (inclined plane) to move them from one place to another.

Romans used levers (catapults) to throw stones at the enemy's army. They moved the catapults using rollers.

Today, when we have a broken leg, we use a very simple, but very useful machine, such as the crutches. We still use simple machines, but the most important thing is that by using them, we have made compound machines that have made our life easier.

We cannot imagine our present life without machines. Think how much your life could change without phones, computers, cars, radio or TV.

Answer the following questions:

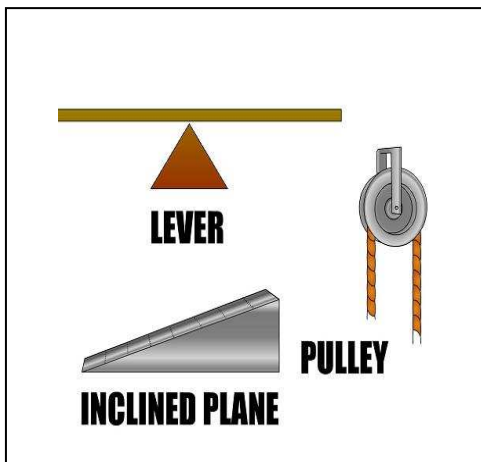
1. What simple machines did Egyptians use?

2. Why are simple machines important in our society?

3. Write the following words in the correct box.

Simple machines.

Compound machines.



4. Think for a few minutes and make a list of all machines you use in a day.

5. If machines would not exist, would your life change a lot? Why?
