

# Lever



Applications in Design & Engineering: Simple Machines	Student Engineering Workbook		
Team Members:	Total Points		
1 3	Workbook:		

2.\_\_\_\_\_

Match the key terms that are listed in the word bank with the correct definition. Write the correct letter in the space provided.

4.\_\_\_\_\_

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ The amount a machine multiplies force.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Using a force to move an object a distance.
- **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ A simple machine consisting of a rigid beam that pivots on a fulcrum. It is used to redirect motion, increase output speed, or create mechanical advantage.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ A force applied to a machine to do work.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ The object or weight being moved or lifted.
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ A push or a pull.
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ The point or support on which a lever pivots.
- **8.** \_\_\_\_\_ A device that transmits or modifies force or motion.
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ The mechanical advantage gained by using a lever.

#### Key Terms

Challenge: ...... /30 pts

- A. Simple Machine
- B. Force
- C. Lever
- **D.** Work
- E. Mechanical Advantage
- F. Leverage
- G. Effort
- H. Load
- I. Fulcrum





#### **Elements of a Lever**

Identify the correct element in the spaces provided.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_



#### Purposes of a Lever

List the three purposes of a lever in the spaces provided.

12.	 
13.	 
14.	 

#### **Types of Levers**

Review the figures below, then write the correct type of lever in the spaces provided.



## **Build and Modify**

Place a check in the boxes below as the team completes each step.

- **18.** Build, test, and modify a First Class Lever
- **19.** Build, test, and modify a Second Class Lever
- **20.** Build, test, and modify a Third Class Lever





## **Understanding Mechanical Advantage**

Fill in the blanks to complete the statements below.

21. Mechanical Advantage exists when the \_\_\_\_\_\_ force of a machine is \_\_\_\_\_\_

than the \_\_\_\_\_\_ force that was applied to it.

22. For a machine to create mechanical advantage, it must trade increased time or \_\_\_\_\_\_ for

reduced effort.

#### Calculating Mechanical Advantage in a Lever

Use the formulas to solve the problems below.







**Design & Engineering Challenge** Follow each step in the design & engineering process to develop a solution to the challenge. Place a check in the box as each step is completed. Fill in the blanks when necessary.

1.	Identify The Challenge	
	Challenge:	
	Sub-Challenge:	
	Sub-Challenge:	
	Sub-Challenge:	
	Review specifications.	Identify The Challenge
2.	Brainstorm Ideas & Solutions	
	Discuss design ideas. Explain The	Brainstorm Ideas &
	Consider building components and cost.	Engineering
3.	Build A Prototype	Process
	Build a working prototype of the design.	Build A Prototype
4.	Test & Improve The Design	
	Test & improve the design for performance and consistency.	
	New challenge discovered:	
	Review grading rubric and design specifications.	
	Consider ways to reduce cost.	
5.	Explain The Design	
	Prepare to demonstrate and present the design to others.	
	Review project grading rubric.	
	Explain any unique design features that were included.	
	Describe at least one new problem/challenge discovered during Step 4 (Tes and how the team redesigned a new solution.	t & Improve The Design)





#### **Challenge Evaluation**

When teams have completed the design & engineering challenge, it should be presented to the teacher and classmates for evaluation. Teams will be graded on the following criteria:

- **O** Specifications: Does the design meet all specifications as stated in the design brief?
- O Performance: How well does the design work? Does it function consistently?
- **Team Collaboration:** How well did the team work together? Can each student descibe how they contributed?
- Design Quality/Aesthetics: Is the design of high quality? Is it structurally strong, attractive, and well proportioned?
- **Material Cost:** What was the total cost of the design? Was the team able to stay on or under budget?
- **O** Presentation: How well did the team communicate all aspects of the design to others?

Grading Rubric	Advanced 5 Points	Proficient 4 Points	Partially Proficient 3 Points	Not Proficient 0 Points
Specifications	Meets all specifications	Meets most specifications	Meets some specifications	Does not meet specifications
Performance	Design performs consistently well	Design performs well often	Design is partially functional	Design does not work
Team Collaboration	Every member of team contributed	Most members of team contributed	Some members of team contributed	Team did not work together
Design Quality/ Aesthetics	Great design/ aesthetics	Good design/ aesthetics	Average design/ aesthetics	Poor design/ aesthetics
Material Cost	On Budget (\$140 or Less)	Slightly Over Budget (\$141-145)	Over Budget (\$146-155)	Significantly Over Budget (\$156+)
Presentation	Great presentation/ well explained	Good presentation/ well explained	Poor presentation/ explanation	No presentation/ explanation
Points				
Total Points				/30