



Simple Machines

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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2. A pair of pliers combines two _____ that pivot on a shared point.
3. Turning a large steering wheel requires less _____ than turning a small knob.
4. A shovel uses a wedge to cut into soil and a _____ to lift it out.
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