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What are Machines?

A machine is a device that helps us do work easily and more efficiently by reducing the force (effort) needed.

- In ancient times, people used hands, legs, and even teeth to perform difficult tasks.
- Over time, they developed tools and devices to make work easier—these are known as machines.

Purpose of a Machine

Machines do not reduce the amount of work.

Instead, they help by:

- Reducing the effort needed
- Making work faster
- Improving accuracy
- Performing repetitive tasks with ease

Types of Machines

Machines are broadly classified into two categories:

i. Simple Machines

- These are basic tools that make work easier using less force.
- They usually have few or no moving parts.
- They change the direction or magnitude of the force applied.

Examples of Simple Machines:

| Simple Machine | Use |
|----------------|--|
| Lever | Used to lift heavy loads using a pivot (e.g. seesaw) |
| Inclined Plane | A sloped surface used to raise objects (e.g. ramp) |
| Screw | Converts rotational motion into linear motion (e.g. lid) |
| Pulley | Changes the direction of force (e.g. flag hoist) |
| Wedge | Used to split or cut objects (e.g. axe, knife) |
| Wheel and Axle | Reduces friction while moving (e.g. trolley) |

ii. Complex Machines

- A complex machine is made by combining two or more simple machines.
- These machines usually have multiple parts working together to perform complex tasks.

Example: Bicycle

A bicycle is a complex machine made up of:

- Levers brake handles
- Wheel and axle wheels and pedals
- Screws nuts and bolts holding parts together

Other examples:

- Washing machine
- Mixer grinder
- Car engine

Comparison: Simple vs Complex Machines

| Feature | Simple Machines | Complex Machines |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| Parts | Few or no moving parts | Many moving parts (combined simple machines) |
| Structure | Basic and easy to understand | More advanced and technical |
| Example | Lever, screw, inclined plane | Bicycle, car, washing machine |
| Function | Makes work easier | Performs complex tasks efficiently |

Quick Summary

Machines help us do work with less effort.

- Simple machines: basic tools like levers, pulleys, screws.
- **Complex machines**: made by combining simple machines, e.g., bicycle.

The goal of machines is to reduce effort, not the total work done.