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Is this a lever? Yes, Sir! Yes, Sir!

How do you know?

How do you know?

Give me an example.

Give me an example.

Turns on a fulcrum

Works like a seesaw

A paint can opener

A wheelbarrow

Is this a pulley?

Is this a pulley?

How do you know?

How do you know?

Give me an example.

Yes, Sir!

Has a rope or chain

Turns a wheel

A sail on a boat

Hoisting a flag

Is this a wheel and axle?

Is this a wheel and axle

How do you know?

Yes, Sir!

Yes, Sir!

Has a large wheel

Small wheel or rod

Give me an example. A doorknob
Give me an example. A fishing reel

Is this an inclined plane? Yes. Sir! Is this an inclined plane? Yes, Sir!

How do you know?

How do you know?

Give me an example.

Flat surface, one end higher
Lifts things
Moving truck ramp

Give me an example. Skateboard ramp (or wheel chair ramp)

Is this a screw? Yes, Sir! Yes, Sir! Yes, Sir!

How do you know? Has a spiral ramp
How do you know? An inclined plane wrapped around a pole

Give me an example. An auger

Give me an example. A spiral staircase

Is this a wedge? Yes, Sir! Is this a wedge? Yes, Sir!

How do you know? Two inclined planes back-to-back

How do you know? Pushes things apart Give me an example. A blade of an axe Give me an example. The edge of a knife.