

Simple Machines- Wedge

Wedge

A wedge is a simple machine used to push two objects apart. If you put two inclined planes back to back, you get a wedge. The inclined planes make a sharp edge that can be used to cut or separate objects.

An example of a wedge is an axe.

Activity: Discuss these questions about wedges.

1. What is a wedge typically made out of?
2. What do we use wedges for in every-day life?
3. Name different types of wedges besides an axe.

