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## Clever Levers on the 'Net

Begin by going to

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/physics/machines/Levers.shtml>

Read the information on the webpage to fill in the following blanks:

1. A lever is a simple machine that makes \_\_\_\_\_ easier; it involves moving a \_\_\_\_\_ around a pivot called a fulcrum using a force. Many of our basic tools use levers.
2. In a Type 1 [1<sup>st</sup> class] Lever, the \_\_\_\_\_ is between the effort and the load. In an off-center type one lever (like a pliers), the load is larger than the effort, but is moved through a smaller \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Examples of common tools (and other items) that use a type 1 [1<sup>st</sup> class] lever include:

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4. In a Type 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> class] Lever, the \_\_\_\_\_ is between the pivot (fulcrum) and the effort.
5. Examples of 2<sup>nd</sup> class levers are:

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6. In a Type 3 [3<sup>rd</sup> class] Lever, the \_\_\_\_\_ is between the pivot (fulcrum) and the load.
7. Examples of 3<sup>rd</sup> class levers are:

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Now go to <http://www.flying-pig.co.uk/mechanisms/pages/lever.html>

8. Levers are an essential part of many mechanisms. They can be used to change the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of movement.
9. The fixed point of the lever about which it moves is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In the example on the webpage, the force and the load move in opposite directions. With the force three times closer to the fulcrum than the load lifted is only one \_\_\_\_\_ of the force but it moves three times as \_\_\_\_\_.

Click the *next* link at the bottom of the page.

11. *First order lever.* Like a see-saw or balance, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are separated by the fulcrum. As one moves up the other moves \_\_\_\_\_. The amount and the strength of the movement are proportional to the \_\_\_\_\_ from the fulcrum.
12. *Second order lever.* A wheel barrow is a second order lever. Here the load is between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the fulcrum. This uses mechanical advantage to ease lifting of a large weight.
13. *Third order lever.* Here the \_\_\_\_\_ is between the fulcrum and the load. Mechanical advantage is reduced but the movement at the load point is increased.

Draw and label a diagram of each of the 3 types of levers:

1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class