

Cause

that which makes  
something happen

Effect

the action that results  
from the cause

I have a red bump.

An ant bit me.

BECAUSE

I played in the rain.

I got wet.

The baby is hungry.

The baby cried.

Fact

true - can be seen or  
proven

Fiction

not true – invented  
or imagined

# Opinion

thoughts or feelings  
from emotion

## Fact, Fiction, or Opinion Sentences

1. A wheel and axle is a simple machine. (Fact – A reference book can identify wheel and axle as one of the six simple machines.)
2. A skateboard is really a lever on wheels. (Fiction – No part of a skateboard is a lever.)
3. Screws are the coolest simple machine. (Opinion – This is a judgment and judgments are opinions.)
4. I like playing on inclined planes. (Opinion – The words “I like” means that feeling are used and therefore this is an opinion.)
5. No simple machines can work together. (Fiction – A machine made from more than one simple machine is called a compound machine.)
6. Screws are a kind of inclined plane. (Fact – This can be proven by cutting paper into an inclined plane and wrapping it around a pencil. You can then see how a screw is made from an inclined plane.)
7. A wedge is a lever. (Fiction – A wedge is made from two inclined planes.)
8. A wedge can be used as part of a lever. (Fact – If the wedge is used to pry, like the edge of a screwdriver opening a can of paint, the wedge is used as part of a lever.)
9. A wedge isn't fun to use. (Opinion – This is one person's feeling so is an opinion.)