✏ **Objective**

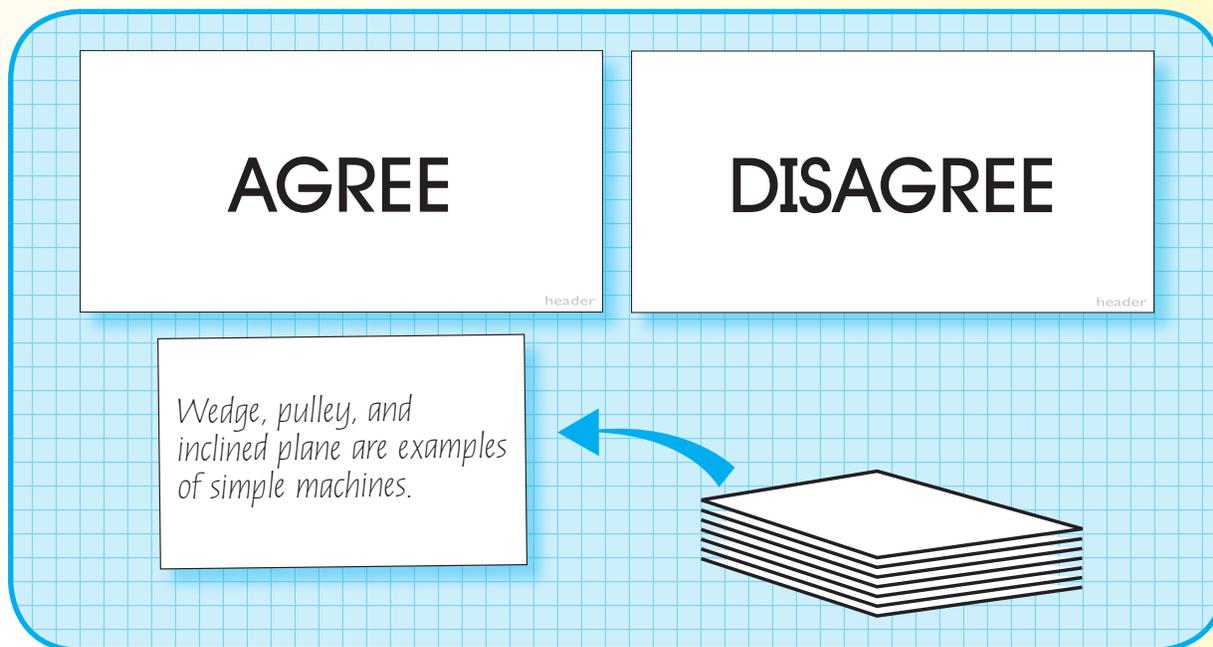The student will use prior knowledge to comprehend text.

✏ **Materials**

▶ Text

*Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.*

▶ AGREE and DISAGREE header cards (Activity Master C.034.AM1)

▶ Statement cards (Activity Master C.034.AM2)

*Write eight-to-ten sentences related to the text on cards that students can agree and disagree (one sentence per card). Optional: Write title of text on cards.*

✏ **Activity**

**Students activate prior knowledge by agreeing or disagreeing with statements based on the text.**

1. Place the header cards face up on a flat surface. Place the index cards face down in stack. Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. Taking turns, students select the top card from the stack and read it aloud.
3. Brainstorm and use prior knowledge to decide if agree or disagree with the statement.
4. Place statement under appropriate header.
5. Continue until all cards are sorted.
6. Read the text silently or aloud by taking turns.
7. Confirm or change the placement of the cards as a result of reading the text.
8. Peer evaluation

AGREE
header

DISAGREE
header

Wedge, pulley, and inclined plane are examples of simple machines.

✏ **Extensions and Adaptations**

▶ Complete student sheet (Activity Masters C.034.SS1 or C.034.SS2). Note: Teachers write statements related to the text and copy.

▶ Mark an "X" on continuum to indicate the degree of agreement or disagreement regarding the text-related statement (Activity Master C.034.SS3).

# AGREE

header

# DISAGREE

header

header cards

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statement

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statement

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statement

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statement

statement cards

# Name _____

| Before Reading | | After Reading |
|---|---|---|
| **1.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **2.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **3.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **4.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **5.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **6.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **7.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **8.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **9.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |
| **10.** ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree | statement | ____ Agree<br>____ Disagree |

# Name _____

## Before Reading

## After Reading

| Statement | Agree or Disagree | Page # | Were you right? (yes/no) | Why? |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| 6. | | | | |
| 7. | | | | |

# Name _____

Title

| 1. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 2. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 3. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 4. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 5. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 6. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 7. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
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| 9. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |
| 10. | statement | Strongly Agree ← → Strongly Disagree |