



As part of your Scream Machine learning, you will be creating a prototype of a fairground ride using mechanisms and electrical components.

Mechanisms and Structures - Designers need to consider how to ensure there their structure is strong enough for its purpose (What does it do?) and which type of mechanism is most appropriate to use.

## What we know so far

- In Year 1, we made moon buggies with moving wheels.
- In Year 2, we used a winding mechanism to make a functioning draw bridge.
- In Year 3, we used screws and string to make a puppet move.
- In Year 4, we considered how to best choose materials for different structures ensuring they were strong enough for their purpose.

## **Key Vocabulary**

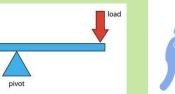
Levers – Strong bars that are used to lift and move something heavy.

Pulley – Simple machine for moving heavy objects up or down, consisting of a small wheel over which a rope or chain is attached to the object.

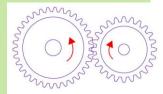
Gears – Part of machines that meshes with another toothed part to make things move or to change speed or direction.

**Motor** – An electric motor converts electrical energy into physical movement.

New Knowledge
There are 3 main types of motion:
Linear: movement along a straight line, in one direction.
Oscillating: repeating the same movement over and over, backwards and forwards.
Rotary: movement of any object about an axis.
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A motor can be used to make a gear work and therefore creating a rotating part.