

Wheel-Man's Greatest Invention

Long ago, before cars, bicycles, or even carts were made, there was a man who loved to explore the world around him. This man was very clever and curious. He wanted to find an easier way to travel long distances without getting tired. One day, while watching the rolling stones on a hill, he thought, "*What if I could make something round that would help me move things faster?*" This idea led to his greatest invention — the **wheel**.

The wheel changed the way people lived forever. It made transportation faster and easier. It helped farmers carry heavy loads and builders move rocks for making homes.

How the Wheel Works

The wheel is a round, flat object that spins around a fixed central point called an **axle**. When you push or pull an object with wheels, the wheels turn and roll along the ground. This rolling motion reduces the friction between the object and the ground, making it much easier to move heavy things.

An Example to Try at Home

Take a small box and try to push it across the floor. Notice how hard it is if the box has no wheels. Now, put four small round objects like bottle caps or toy wheels under the box and try pushing again. You will find that it moves much easier!

Exercise: Think and Write

1. Why was the wheel such an important invention?
2. Can you name three things today that use wheels?
3. Draw a picture of Wheel-Man's first wheel and how it helps carry things.

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