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▶ Force and pressure

Pressure :

It is known that vegetables are easy to cut with a sharp knife than with a blunt one and It is easy to sew with a sharp needle rather than a blunt one.

Similarly, a nail cannot driven into wood by its head but only by its pointed tip.

This is due to the fact that a sharp edge or a pointed tip effectively increases the acting pressure by many folds since the applied pressure is concentrated on a very small area.

The force acting perpendicularly per unit area on a surface is called pressure

$$\text{Pressure} = \frac{\text{force.}}{\text{area on which it acts}}$$