What is **S**cience?
What is **T**echnology?
What is **E**ngineering?
What is **M**athematics?

What is **STEM**?

Scientists

Investigate our natural world

Technologists

Apply science and math to designs

STEM

Working together to solve problems based on societal needs and wants

Mathematicians

Use numbers and symbols to solve problems

Engineers

Create our designed world

How are they all needed to Create a Product?

Example	Science	Technology	Engineering	Math
Pencil	Discovery of	Creating a	Designing a	What is the
	graphite and	writing device	device with	optimal
	the fact that	that doesn't	graphite	length,
	rubber	use ink	insert, exterior	diameter, or
	(eraser) will		holder, and	shape for the
	remove		attached	device?
	graphite		eraser	

Problems That Solve Our Needs and Wants



What are our human needs?

PHYSICAL NEEDS:	BIOLOGICAL NEEDS:	PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS:
 Basic shelter 	• Water	 Family
 Basic clothing 	• Food	Friends
Can you think of more?	Can you think of more?	 Can you think of more?

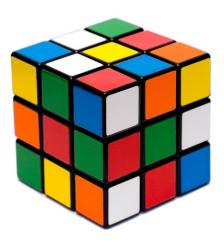
Problems That Solve Our Needs and Wants



PHYSICAL WANTS:	BIOLOGICAL WANTS:	PSYCHOLOGICAL WANTS:
 Nice house 	Fresh water	 Talk with family
 Nice car 	 Fancy food 	 See friends
 Nice clothes 	 Healthy living 	 Entertainment
Can you think of more?	Can you think of more?	 Can you think of more?

WHAT IS ENGINEERING?

- A body of knowledge
- A practice
- A field
- A way to solve today's challenges





Engineering

Engineering uses scientific, technological, and mathematical knowledge to solve practical problems.

Engineers Can Do Anything

- Invent Develop a new product, system, or process that has never existed before
- Innovate Improve an existing technological product, system, or method
 Invent

Design Build

Analyze

Create Orchestrate Conceive

Improve Evaluate

Engineers Work to Solve Many Kinds of Problems

- An electrical engineer may design a GPS for your vehicle.
- A pharmaceutical/chemical engineer may find a cure for disease.
- A computer engineer may build a computer the size of your watch.
- A mechanical engineer may create a robot to discover water on a planet.
- An agricultural engineer may evaluate the effects of global warming on food production.

Engineers make our lives better

Discussion Questions

- What product or system would make your life better?
- Is this an invention or an innovation?
- What type(s) of engineer(s) might work on this project?

