

# Explaining Non-Fiction

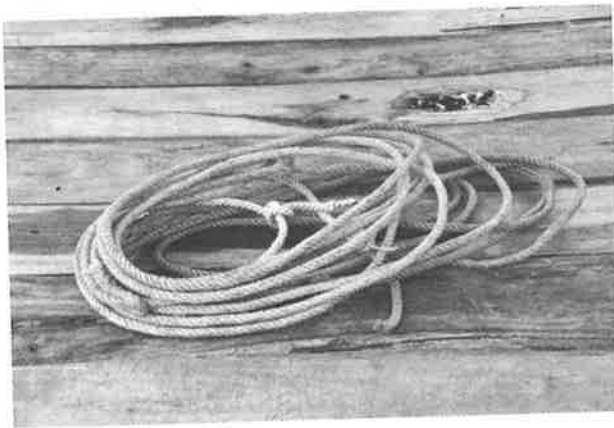
## Inventing the Wheel

### Wheels of progress

Most experts think wheels developed slowly over many, many years. They probably weren't invented by a single person.

Before wheels, people often dragged things along using ropes. Then they found that putting logs under a heavy load made it roll and move more easily.

A sledge mounted on logs made a good transporter. The sides of the sledge wore grooves in the logs. The next step was to cut away the inner part of the log to make an axle. The ends worked like wheels.



**1** Before wheels, how did people use rope to move things?

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**2** How did putting logs under a heavy load help people to move heavy loads?

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**3** What did the ends of the axle work like?

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