

WORK & ENERGY

When a force moves an object, energy is transferred, and work is done.

Work done = energy transferred

(Joules, J) (Joules, J)

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To calculate the work done (energy transferred)

Work done = Force x distance moved

(joules, J) (newtons, N) (metres, m)

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$$Work = Fd$$

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Example: How much energy is transmitted if a force of 2N moves through a distance of 10 m?

$$Work = F.d \quad Work = 2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ J}$$

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Gravitational potential energy – is gained by an object when work is done lifting a weight against gravity

$$E_p = mgh$$

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Example: A man lifts a brick of mass 5 kg from the floor to a shelf 2 metres high. What is the change in gravitational potential energy?

$$E_p = mgh \quad E_p = 5 \times 10 \times 2 = 100 \text{ J}$$

ENERGY IDEAS

- a moving object has movement energy or kinetic energy E_k .
- when an object is lifted to a higher place it is given gravitational potential energy E_p .
- energy can be transferred from one form to another
- a falling object or an object rolling/sliding down a hill is transferring E_p to E_k

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Kinetic energy E_k can be transformed into other forms eg

- A car braking E_k to heat energy in brakes + tyres
- A wind turbine E_k to electrical energy, heat & sound
- A roller coaster car going up a ramp E_k to E_p and heat energy

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An object has more kinetic energy E_K

- The greater its mass
- The greater its speed

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E_K in J, mass, m , in kg & speed (v) in ms^{-1}

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

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An object has more kinetic energy E_K

- The greater its mass
- The greater its speed
- Double speed = $4 \times E_K$, triple speed = $9 \times E_K$

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Example: A car of mass 800 kg is travelling at 10 ms^{-1} . How much kinetic energy does it have?

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 800 \times 10^2$$

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 800 \times 100 = 40\,000 \text{ J}$$

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Example: A car of mass 800 kg is travelling at 10 ms^{-1} . It has 40 000 J of kinetic energy. How much work must be done to stop it?

To stop the car work done = energy transferred = 40 000 J. This energy will be transferred to heat in the brakes / tyres.

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Example: A car of mass 800 kg is travelling at 10 ms^{-1} . It has 40 000 J of kinetic energy. When the brakes are applied, it comes to rest in 8 m. What is the average force exerted by the brakes?

$$\text{Work} = \mathbf{F.d} \quad 40\,000 = F \times 8,$$

therefore $F = 40\,000 / 8 = 5000 \text{ N}$

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Remember

Work done against frictional forces is transferred mainly as HEAT.

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Remember

In calculations always show the formula you are using, and show your working – so you may get some marks even if the final answer is wrong.

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$$Work = Fd$$

F = Force in N
d = distance, in m

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$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

m = mass in kg
v = speed in ms^{-1}

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$$E_p = mgh$$

m = mass in kg
g = $10 ms^{-2}$
h = height in m

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$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$

Power is the rate of doing work or how quickly energy is transferred, Power = energy / time. Power is measured in Js^{-1} (Joules per second) or Watts (W), Energy, E in J, and time, t, is in seconds (s).

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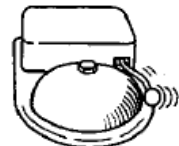
Example: A 0.1 kg ball is dropped from a height of 1.5 m. Assuming all the E_p is turned into E_k , how fast is it travelling just before it hits the ground?

- First calculate E_p using $E_p = mgh$
- Just before impact all its E_p is now converted to E_k and is equal to $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ – So calculate v.

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Chemical potential

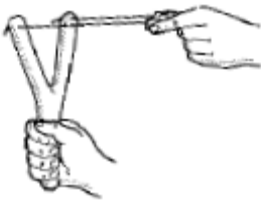


Kinetic & sound



Chemical potential

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elastic potential energy



electrical energy converted to heat, light & sound

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heat



E_p (decreasing) and E_k (increasing – until reaches terminal velocity)
