

Evolution of Kinetic Energy calculations

1. A 2 kg ball moves at 3 m/s. Find its kinetic energy.	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 3^2 KE = 1 \times 9$ $= 9 J$	$kg \times (m/s)^2$ $= kg m^2 / s^2$ $= J$
2. A 5 kg cart moves at 4 m/s. What is its kinetic energy?	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 4^2 KE = 2.5 \times 16 K$	$kg \times (m/s)^2$ $= kg m^2 / s^2$ $= J$
3. A 20 kg dog runs at 6 m/s. What is its kinetic energy?	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 6^2 KE = 10 \times 36 K$	$kg \times (m/s)^2$ $= kg m^2 / s^2$ $= J$
4. A 1000 g remote controlled toy car travels at 1m/s. What is its kinetic energy?	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $1000g/1000 = 1 kg$ $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1^2 KE = 0.5 \times 1$	$g \square kg$ $kg \times (m/s)^2$ $= kg m^2 / s^2$ $= J$
5. A 1002 kg car travels at 8 m/s. What is its kinetic energy? Express your answer to 3 significant figures.	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 1002 \times 8^2 KE = 501 \times 64 KE = 32,064 J$ $= 32,100 J$ $OR = 3.21 \times 10^4 J$ $OR = 32.1 kJ$	$kg \times (m/s)^2$ $= kg m^2 / s^2$ $= J$ Rounding up to third s.f. Using scientific notation $1000 J = 1 kJ$
Rearranging: 6. A 7.4 kg object has kinetic energy of 200 J. What is its velocity?	$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $200 = \frac{1}{2} \times 7.4 \times v^2 200 = 2 v^2 v^2 =$	
Challenge 2: A 1,200 kg car travels at 5m/s. If it increases its speed to 10m/s, by what factor will its kinetic energy increase? (15,000 J, 60,000 J, so a factor of 4)		

Evolution of Potential Energy calculations

Use gravitational field strength (g) as 9.8m/s².

Give answer to 3 s.f.

1. A 2 kg ball is raised 3m above the ground. What is its gravitational potential energy (GPE)?	$GPE = m \times g \times h$ $GPE = 2 \times 9.8 \times 3$ $GPE = 58.8$	$\text{kg} \times \text{m/s}^2 \times \text{m}$ $= \text{kg m}^2 / \text{s}^2$ $= \text{J}$
2. A 50 kg person climbs 4 m. Find the GPE.	$GPE = m \times g \times h$ $GPE = 50 \times 9.8 \times 4$ $GPE = 1960$	$\text{kg} \times \text{m/s}^2 \times \text{m}$ $= \text{kg m}^2 / \text{s}^2$ $= \text{J}$
3. 1000 kg car lifted 1.5 m. Find the GPE.	$GPE = m \times g \times h$ $GPE = 1000 \times 9.8 \times 1.5$ $GPE = 14700$	$\text{kg} \times \text{m/s}^2 \times \text{m}$ $= \text{kg m}^2 / \text{s}^2$ $= \text{J}$
4. A 5000 g box is at the top of a hill 7m high. What is its GPE?	$GPE = m \times g \times h$ $5000/1000 = 5 \text{ kg}$ $GPE = 5 \times 9.8 \times 7$ $GPE = 343$	$\text{g} \div \text{kg}$ $\text{kg} \times \text{m/s}^2 \times \text{m}$ $= \text{kg m}^2 / \text{s}^2$ $= \text{J}$
Challenge 1 Rearranging 5. GPE = 600 J, mass = 5 kg. What is the height?	$GPE = m \times g \times h$ $600 = 5 \times 9.8 \times h$ $600 = 49h$ $h = 600 / 49$ $h = 12.24$	

Q. At an archery competition, a 300 g arrow has struck the target and is suspended 0.9 m above the ground. The gravitational field strength (g) is 9.8 N/kg (N/kg is another way of writing m/s²).

Calculate the gravitational potential energy (GPE) store of the arrow.

$$GPE = m \times g \times h$$

$$GPE = 300/1000 \times 9.8 \times 0.9$$

$$= 2.646 \text{ J}$$

$$= 2.65 \text{ J to 3s.f.}$$

NOTE: 9.8 N/kg means that 1 kg of mass experiences 9.8 Newtons of force (weight).

$$1\text{N} = 1 \text{ kg} \times 1 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad (\text{from } F = m \times a)$$

$$\text{N} / \text{kg} = \text{kg m/s}^2 / \text{kg} = \text{m/s}^2$$