

Kinetic and Potential Energy Calculations

Examples:

1. A 35kg boy is running down the street with a velocity of 5m/s.
 - a. What type of energy does he have?
 - b. Calculate his energy.
2. A 500 kg boulder is sitting at the top of a 1000m ledge.
 - a. What type of energy does it have?
 - b. Calculate the boulder's energy.
3. How much potential does a boy who weight 50N have if he is 200m from the earth?
4. A boy standing on the edge of a pool 5m above the water has 400J of potential energy.
 - a. What is that boy's weight?
 - b. What is that boy's mass?

Individual Practice:

1. You serve a volleyball with a mass of 2.1kg. The ball leaves your hand with a speed of 30 m/s. The ball has ____ energy. Calculate it.
2. A baby carriage is sitting at the top of a hill that is 21m high. The carriage with the baby weighs 12N. The carriage has ____ energy. Calculate it.
3. A car is traveling with a velocity of 40m/s and has a mass of 1120 kg. The car has ____ energy. Calculate it.
4. A cinder block is sitting on a platform 20m high. It weighs 79N. The block has ____ energy. Calculate it.
5. There is a bell at the top of a tower 45 m high. The bell weighs 190N. The bell has ____ energy. Calculate it.
6. A roller coaster is at the top of a 72m high hill and weighs 966N. The coaster (at this moment) has ____ energy. Calculate it.
7. What is the kinetic energy of a 3 kg ball that is rolling at a speed of 2m/s?
8. The potential energy of an apple is 6.00J. The apple is 3m high.
 - a. What is the weight of the apple?
 - b. What is the apple's mass?
9. Two objects were lifted by a machine. One object had a mass of 2kg, and was lifted at a speed of 2m/s. The other had a mass of 4kg and was lifted at a rate of 3m/s.
 - a. Which object had more kinetic energy?
 - b. Which object has more potential energy at a height of 10m?
10. You are on roller blades on top of a small hill. Your potential energy is equal to 1,000J. The last time you checked your mass was 60 kg.
 - a. What is your weight in newtons?
 - b. What is the height of the hill?

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