

Kinetic and Potential Energy Worksheet

Name _____

Classify the following as a type of potential energy or kinetic energy (use the letters K or P)

1. A bicyclist pedaling up a hill

P+K

2. An archer with his bow drawn

P

3. A volleyball player spiking a ball

K

4. A baseball thrown to second base

K

5. The chemical bonds in sugar

P

6. The wind blowing through your hair

K

7. Walking down the street

K

8. Sitting in the top of a tree

P

9. A bowling ball rolling down the alley

K

10. A bowling ball sitting on the rack

P

Formulas:

$$KE = 0.5 \cdot m \cdot v^2$$

OR

$$PE = m \cdot g \cdot h$$

v = velocity or speed

m = mass in kg

$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$

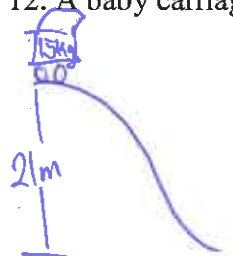
h = height in meters

For Questions 11-16, state the type of energy that is described as either kinetic or potential, then calculate its value.

11. You serve a volleyball with a mass of 2.1 kg. The ball leaves your hand with a speed of 30 m/s. The ball has KE energy. Calculate it.

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2.1)(30)^2 \\ = 945 \text{ J}$$

12. A baby carriage is sitting at the top of a hill that is 21 m high. The carriage with the baby has a mass of 1.5 kg. The carriage has PE energy. Calculate it.



$$E_p = mgh \\ = 1.5(9.81)(21\text{m}) \\ = 308.7 \text{ J or } 310 \text{ J}$$

13. A car is traveling with a velocity of 40 m/s and has a mass of 1120 kg. The car has KE energy. Calculate it.

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ = \frac{1}{2}(1120)(40)^2 = 896000 \text{ J}$$

14. A cinder block is sitting on a platform 20 m high. It weighs 7.9 kg. The block has PE energy. Calculate it.

$$E_p = mgh \\ = 7.9(9.81)(20) \\ = 1548.4 \text{ J or } 1500 \text{ J}$$

15. A roller coaster is at the top of a 72 m hill and weighs 134 kg. The coaster (at this moment) has PE energy. Calculate it.

$$E_p = mgh \\ = 134 \text{ kg}(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(72 \text{ m}) \\ = 94675.2 \text{ J or } 95000 \text{ J}$$

16. There is a bell at the top of a tower that is 45 m high. The bell weighs 19 kg. The bell has PE energy. Calculate it.

$$E_p = 19(9.81)(45) \\ = 8382 \text{ J or } 8400 \text{ J}$$

17. Determine the **kinetic** energy of a 100-kg roller coaster car that is moving with a speed of 20.0 m/s.

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (100)(20.0)^2 \\ &= 20000 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

18. If the roller coaster car in the above problem were moving with **twice the speed**, then what would be its new **kinetic** energy?

Since $E_k \propto v^2$, if v doubles then E_k quadruples

$$(2v)^2 = 4v^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} E_k &= \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \\ E_k &= \frac{1}{2} m(2v)^2 \end{aligned} \rightarrow E_k = \frac{1}{2} m \underline{4v^2}$$

4x increase

19. A cart is loaded with a brick and pulled at constant speed along an inclined plane to the height of a seat-top. If the mass of the loaded cart is 3.0 kg and the height of the seat top is 0.45 meters, then what is the **potential** energy of the loaded cart at the height of the seat-top?

$$\begin{aligned} E_p &= mgh \\ &= 3.0(9.81)(0.45) \\ &= 13.23 \text{ J or } 13 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

20. A 75-kg refrigerator is located on the 70th floor of a skyscraper (300 meters above the ground) What is the **potential** energy of the refrigerator?

~~$E_p = mgh$~~
 ~~$E_p = 75(300)$~~

$$\begin{aligned} E_p &= mgh \\ &= 75(9.81)(300) \\ &= 220500 \text{ J or } 220000 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

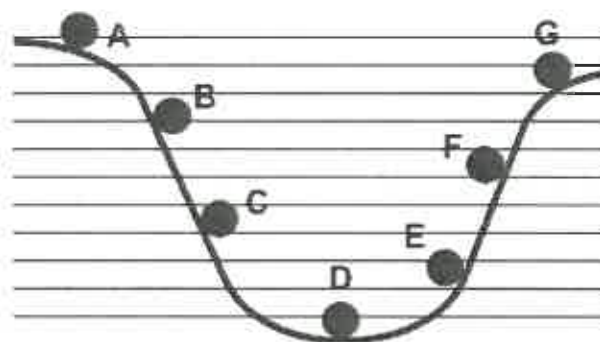
21. The potential energy of a 40-kg cannon ball is 14000 J. How high was the cannon ball to have this much **potential** energy?

$$\begin{aligned} E_p &= mgh \\ 14000 &= 40(9.81)h \\ \frac{14000}{392.4} &= \frac{392.4h}{392.4} \quad h = 35.7 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E_p}{mg} &= \frac{mgh}{mg} \quad h = \frac{E_p}{mg} \\ &= \frac{14000}{40(9.81)} \\ &= 35.7 \text{ m} \\ &\text{or } 36 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

22. This graph shows a ball rolling from A to G. The ball starts at point A and rolls to point G. Use the graph to answer the following questions.



- a. At what letter does the ball have the greatest kinetic energy? D
- b. Which letter shows the ball when it has the maximum potential energy? A
- c. Which letter shows the ball when it has the least potential energy? D
- d. Why is point G slightly lower than point A? In other words, why couldn't the ball go back to the same height at which it started?

Energy lost to friction (thermal) and sound.