

Kinetic and Potential Energy Worksheet

Name KEY.

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

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| 1. A bicyclist pedaling up a hill | <u>K/P</u> | 2. An archer with his bow drawn | <u>P</u> |
| 3. A volleyball player spiking a ball | <u>K/P</u> | 4. A baseball thrown to second base | <u>K/P</u> |
| 5. The chemical bonds in sugar | <u>P</u> | 6. The wind blowing through your hair | <u>K</u> |
| 7. Walking down the street | <u>K</u> | 8. Sitting in the top of a tree | <u>P</u> |
| 9. A bowling ball rolling down the alley | <u>K</u> | 10. A bowling ball sitting on the rack | <u>P</u> |

Formulas:

E_k

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

OR

E_p

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

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 kinetic energy. Calculate it.

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$E_k = 0.5(2.1 \text{ kg})(30.0 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$E_k = 945 \text{ J}$$

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 potential energy. Calculate it.

$$E_p = mgh$$

$$E_p = (1.5 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(21 \text{ m})$$

$$E_p = 308.7 \text{ J}$$

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

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$E_k = 0.5(1120 \text{ kg})(40 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$E_k = 896000 \text{ J}$$

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

$$E_p = mgh$$

$$E_p = (7.9 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(20 \text{ m})$$

$$E_p = 1548.4 \text{ J}$$

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

$$E_p = mgh$$

$$E_p = (134 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(72 \text{ m})$$

$$E_p = 94550.4 \text{ J}$$

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

$$E_p = mgh$$

$$E_p = (19 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(45 \text{ m})$$

$$E_p = 8379 \text{ J}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}E_k &= \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \\E_k &= 0.5(100 \text{ kg})(20.0 \text{ m/s})^2 \\E_k &= 20000 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}E_k &= (0.5)(100 \text{ kg})(40.0 \text{ m/s})^2 \\E_k &= 80000 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

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?

$$\begin{aligned}E_p &= mgh \\E_p &= (3.0 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.45 \text{ m}) \\E_p &= 13.23 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

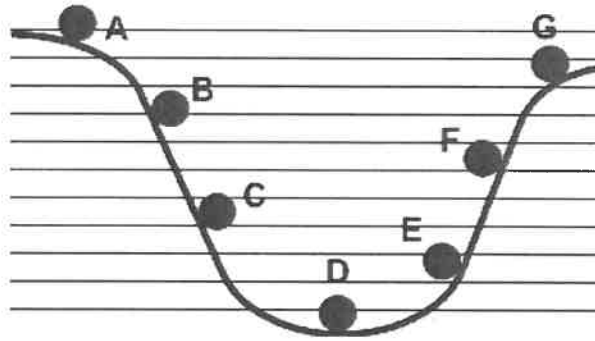
20. A 75-kg refrigerator is located on the 70th floor of a skyscraper (300 meters above the ground) What is the **potential** energy of the refrigerator?

$$\begin{aligned}E_p &= mgh \\E_p &= (75 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(300 \text{ m}) \\E_p &= 220500 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

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?

$$\begin{aligned}E_p &= mgh \\14000 \text{ J} &= (40 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)h \\14000 \text{ J} &= 392 h \\35.7 \text{ m} &= h\end{aligned}$$

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?

Friction.