

Conservation of Mechanical Energy	
Learning Target	Description
10.2	I can define, interpret, and solve problems involving the Law of Conservation of Energy.

UNIT 9: WORK, ENERGY, AND POWER

$$W = (F \cos \theta) d$$

$$U = mgh$$

$$W = K_f - K_i = \Delta K$$

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

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$$

$$P = Fv$$

Conservation of Mechanical Energy

In systems with conservative forces only, the mechanical energy E is conserved.



Mechanical Energy

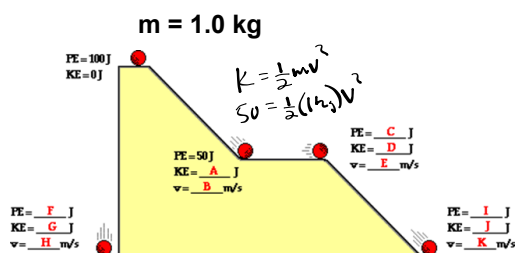
Mechanical Energy is the sum of the potential and kinetic energies of an object.

$$E = K + U$$

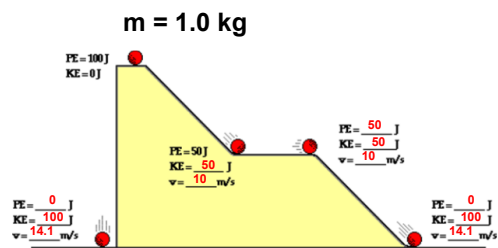
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Graduation Fling

At the end of a graduation ceremony, graduates fling their caps into the air. Suppose a 0.120-kg is thrown straight upward with an initial speed of 7.85 m/s, and that air resistance can be ignored. Find the speed of the cap when it is 1.18 m above the release point.

$$E_i = E_f$$

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + m g h_f$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} v_i^2\right) - (g h_f) = \frac{1}{2} v_f^2$$

$v_f = 6.20 \text{ m/s}$

Conservation of Energy

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$$m g h = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2$$

$$\sqrt{2 g h} = v_f$$

$$v_f = 9.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$K = 3300 \text{ J}$$

$V_0 = 0$
 $y_0 = 0$
 $y_f = 5.0 \text{ m}$
 $a = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
 $V_f^2 = V_0^2 + 2g(y_f - y_0)$
 $V_f = \sqrt{2gh}$
 $K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

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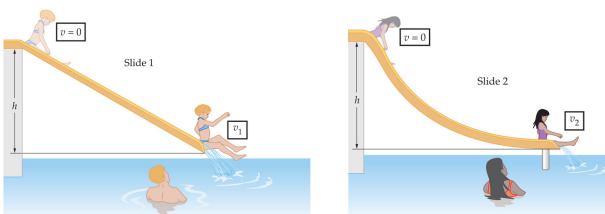
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$$v_f = 34 \text{ m/s}$$

Which Slide is Better?



PROBLEMS
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