


Work Done By Nonconservative Forces	
Learning Target	Description
10.3	I can analyze and solve problems involving the Law of Conservation of Energy and the work done by nonconservative forces.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS 1 EQUATIONS

$$\Delta U_g = mg \Delta y$$

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

$k$  = spring constant  
 $m$  = mass  
 $U$  = potential energy  
 $x$  = position  
 $y$  = height

Working Relationships

$$W_{\text{total}} = W_c + W_{\text{nc}}$$

$$W_{\text{total}} - W_c = W_{\text{nc}}$$

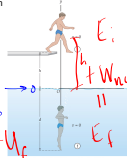
$$W_{\text{total}} = \Delta K$$

$$W_c = -\Delta U$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = W_{\text{nc}} = \Delta E$$

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10. A 95.0-kg diver steps off a diving board and drops in the water 3.00 m below. At some depth  $d$  below the water's surface, the diver comes to rest. If the nonconservative work done on the diver is  $W_{\text{nc}} = -5120 \text{ J}$ , what is the depth,  $d$ ?



$$E_i + W_{\text{nc}} = E_f$$

$$K_i + U_i + W_{\text{nc}} = K_f + U_f$$

$$mgh_i + W_{\text{nc}} = mgh_f$$

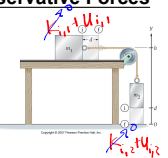
$$\frac{mgh + W_{\text{nc}}}{-mg} = \frac{mgh_f}{+mg}$$

$$\frac{(95)(9.8)(3) + (-5120 \text{ J})}{-(95)(9.8)} = d$$

$$d = 2.50 \text{ m}$$

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11. A block of mass  $m_1 = 2.40 \text{ kg}$  is connected to a second block of mass  $m_2 = 1.80 \text{ kg}$ , as shown here. When the blocks are released from rest, they move through a distance  $d = 0.500 \text{ m}$ , at which point  $m_2$  hits the floor. Given that the coefficient of kinetic friction between  $m_1$  and the horizontal surface is  $\mu_k = 0.450$ , find the speed of the block just before  $m_2$  lands.



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$$m_2 g d + \int f dx = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_f^2$$

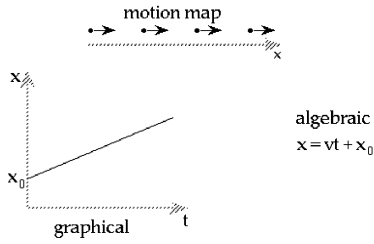
$$m_2 g d - \mu m_1 g d = v_f^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} m_1 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \right)$$

$$v_f = 1.30 \text{ m/s}$$

Modeling a Solution

1. Draw a diagram (labeled)
2. Create a graph
3. Mathematically solve
4. Write a solution statement(s)

**Multiple Representations**  
a particle moving at constant velocity



with explicit statements describing relationships

**MODEL A SOLUTION**

12. A 1.50-kg block is at rest on a ramp of height  $h$ . When the block is released, it slides without friction to the bottom of the ramp, and then continues across a surface that is frictionless except for a rough patch of width 10.0 cm that has a coefficient of kinetic friction  $\mu_k = 0.640$ . Find  $h$  such that the block's speed after crossing the rough patch is 3.50 m/s.

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