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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the formula for calculating kinetic energy?

Hint: Think about the relationship between mass and velocity.

- ◯ KE = mv
- ◯ KE = 1/2 mv^2
- ◯ KE = mgh
- ◯ KE = mg/v

Which of the following factors affect kinetic energy? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the variables in the kinetic energy formula.

- ☐ Mass
- ☐ Velocity
- ☐ Height
- ☐ Gravity

Explain in your own words what potential energy is and provide an example of where it might be observed in everyday life.

Hint: Think about energy stored due to position or condition.

List the units used to measure:

Hint: Consider the standard units for energy.

1. Kinetic Energy

2. Potential Energy

What type of energy is stored in a stretched spring?

Hint: Consider the energy associated with deformation.

- ◯ Kinetic Energy
- ◯ Gravitational Potential Energy
- ◯ Elastic Potential Energy
- ◯ Thermal Energy

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

Which scenarios demonstrate the conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about objects moving from a higher position to a lower position.

- ☐ A roller coaster descending a hill
- ☐ A car accelerating on a flat road
- ☐ A pendulum swinging from its highest point
- ☐ A book falling off a shelf

Describe how the conservation of energy principle applies to a swinging pendulum.

Hint: Consider the energy transformations that occur.

If the mass of an object is doubled, how does this affect its kinetic energy, assuming velocity remains constant?

Hint: Think about the relationship between mass and kinetic energy.

- ◯ The kinetic energy is halved
- ◯ The kinetic energy remains the same
- ◯ The kinetic energy is doubled
- ◯ The kinetic energy is quadrupled

Calculate the kinetic energy of a 10 kg object moving at a velocity of 3 m/s. Show your work.

Hint: Use the kinetic energy formula KE = 1/2 mv^2.

A ball is dropped from a height of 5 meters. What type of energy transformation occurs as it falls? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the energy types involved in the fall.

- ☐ Potential to Kinetic
- ☐ Kinetic to Potential
- ☐ Potential to Thermal
- ☐ Kinetic to Thermal

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Analyze the relationship between mass and velocity in determining kinetic energy. How do changes in each affect the overall energy?

Hint: Consider the kinetic energy formula and how each variable interacts.

Which of the following statements about energy conservation in a closed system are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the laws of thermodynamics.

- [ ] Total energy can be created or destroyed
- [ ] Total energy remains constant
- [ ] Energy can change forms
- [ ] Energy is lost as heat

In a scenario where a pendulum swings, at what point is the kinetic energy at its maximum?

Hint: Consider the motion of the pendulum.

- ◯ At the highest point of the swing
- ◯ At the lowest point of the swing
- ◯ Halfway up the swing
- ◯ When the pendulum is at rest

Evaluate the effectiveness of using a roller coaster to demonstrate the principles of kinetic and potential energy. What are the advantages and limitations of this example?

Hint: Consider the educational aspects of a roller coaster.

Propose a real-world scenario where both kinetic and potential energy are utilized. Describe:

Hint: Think about everyday activities or systems.

1. The situation

2. How energy is transformed

3. The practical applications

Which method would be most effective in increasing the potential energy of an object?

Hint: Consider the factors that influence potential energy.

- ◯ Increasing its mass
- ◯ Loweringing its height
- ◯ Reducin its velocity
- ◯ Decreasing its mass