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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.

- ◯ A) KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2
- ◯ A) KE = mgh
- ◯ A) KE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2
- ◯ A) KE = mgx

Which of the following are examples of potential energy? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider objects that are stored or positioned to do work.

- ☐ A) A book on a shelf
- ☐ A) A moving car
- ☐ A) A compressed spring
- ☐ A) A flowing river

Explain in your own words what potential energy is and provide an example.

Hint: Think about energy stored in an object due to its position.

List two factors that affect kinetic energy and two factors that affect potential energy.

Hint: Consider mass, velocity, height, and gravity.

1. Factors affecting kinetic energy:

2. Factors affecting potential energy:

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which factor has a greater impact on kinetic energy when doubled?

Hint: Consider the formula for kinetic energy.

- ◯ A) Mass
- ◯ A) Velocity
- ◯ A) Both have the same impact
- ◯ A) Neither affects kinetic energy

Which statements about energy conservation are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the laws of thermodynamics.

- ☐ A) Energy can be created or destroyed.
- ☐ A) Total energy in a closed system remains constant.
- ☐ A) Energy can be transformed from one form to another.
- ☐ A) Potential energy can never be converted to kinetic energy.

Describe how the concept of gravitational potential energy is applied when a roller coaster climbs to the top of a hill.

Hint: Consider the energy changes as the coaster moves.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

If a car's speed doubles, what happens to its kinetic energy?

Hint: Refer to the kinetic energy formula.

- ◯ A) It remains the same.
- ◯ A) It doubles.
- ◯ A) It triples.
- ◯ A) It quadruples.

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

Hint: Think about objects in motion and their energy sources.

- ☐ A) A pendulum swinging from its highest point
- ☐ A) A stretched rubber band being released
- ☐ A) A person sitting still on a chair
- ☐ A) A ball rolling down a hill

Calculate the gravitational potential energy of a 5 kg object located 10 meters above the ground. Assume g = 9.8 \, \text{m/s}^2.

Hint: Use the formula PE = mgh.

What happens to the total mechanical energy of a system if only conservative forces are acting on it?

Hint: Consider the conservation of energy principle.

- ◯ A) It increases.
- ◯ A) It decreases.
- ◯ A) It remains constant.
- ◯ A) It fluctuates.

Analyze the following situations and identify which involve only conservative forces. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about forces that do not dissipate energy.

- [ ] A) A satellite orbitin Earth
- [ ] A) A car braking to a stop
- [ ] A) A child sliding down a frictionless slide
- [ ] A) A book falling off a table

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following best describes the energy transformation in a hydroelectric dam?

Hint: Consider the flow of water and energy conversion.

- ◯ A) Electrical to mechanical
- ◯ A) Mechanical to electrical
- ◯ A) Potential to kinetic to electrical
- ◯ A) Kinetic to potential to electrical

Evaluate the following statements and select those that correctly describe energy transformations in nature. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about natural processes and energy changes.

- [ ] A) Photosynthesis converts light energy into chemical energy.
- [ ] A) A wind turbine converts kinetic energy into electrical energy.
- [ ] A) A battery stores kinetic energy.
- [ ] A) Geothermal energy is a form of potential energy.

Design a simple experiment to demonstrate the conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy. Describe the setup, procedure, and expected outcomes.

Hint: Think about a simple setup that illustrates energy conversion.