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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the formula for calculating gravitational potential energy?

Hint: Think about the variables involved in potential energy.

- ◯ A) PE = mv^2
- ◯ B) PE = mgh
- ◯ C) PE = 1/2 mv^2
- ◯ D) PE = mg/v

Which of the following factors affect the gravitational potential energy of an object?

Hint: Consider what influences an object's position and mass.

- ☐ A) Mass
- ☐ B) Height
- ☐ C) Velocity
- ☐ D) Gravitational pull

Explain in your own words what kinetic energy is and how it differs from potential energy.

Hint: Consider the motion of objects and their position.

List the two main types of potential energy and provide a brief description of each.

Hint: Think about different forms of stored energy.

1. Gravitational Potential Energy

2. Elastic Potential Energy

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

If an object is lifted to a higher shelf, what happens to its potential energy?

Hint: Consider the relationship between height and energy.

- ◯ A) It decreases.
- ◯ B) It remains the same.
- ◯ C) It increases.
- ◯ D) It converts to kinetic energy.

Which scenarios demonstrate the conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy?

Hint: Think about objects in motion and their starting positions.

- ☐ A) A ball rolling down a hill
- ☐ B) A compressed spring releasing
- ☐ C) A car parked on a hill
- ☐ D) A book sitting on a table

Describe a real-world example where kinetic energy is transformed into potential energy.

Hint: Consider scenarios involving movement and height.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

A 2 kg object is dropped from a height of 10 meters. What is its potential energy at the top? (Use g = 9.8 m/s²)

Hint: Use the formula PE = mgh to calculate.

- ◯ A) 19.6 J
- ◯ B) 98 J
- ◯ C) 196 J
- ◯ D) 20 J

Which of the following changes will increase the kinetic energy of a moving car?

Hint: Consider factors that influence motion.

- ☐ A) Increasing its mass
- ☐ B) Increasing its velocity
- ☐ C) Decreasing its height
- ☐ D) Decreasing its mass

A roller coaster car at the top of a hill has 5000 J of potential energy. As it descends, what happens to this energy? Explain the energy transformation process.

Hint: Think about how energy changes forms during the ride.

If two objects have the same mass but different velocities, which object has more kinetic energy?

Hint: Consider how velocity affects kinetic energy.

- ◯ A) The object with the higher velocity
- ◯ B) The object with the lower velocity
- ◯ C) Both have the same kinetic energy
- ◯ D) It depends on their potential energy

Analyze the following situations and identify which involve energy transformation.

Hint: Think about how energy changes form in each scenario.

- [ ] A) A pendulum swinging
- [ ] B) A book falling off a shelf
- [ ] C) A stationary car
- [ ] D) A compressed spring held in place

Analyze how the conservation of energy principle applies to a pendulum in motion. Discuss the energy transformations that occur.

Hint: Consider the energy changes as the pendulum swings.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which statement best evaluates the relationship between mass and kinetic energy?

Hint: Think about how mass influences energy.

- ◯ A) Kinetic energy is independent of mass.
- ◯ B) Kinetic energy decreases as mass increases.
- ◯ C) Kinetic energy increases linearly with mass.
- ◯ D) Kinetic energy is directly proportional to mass.

Evaluate the following statements and select those that correctly describe energy conservation.

Hint: Consider the principles of energy in a closed system.

- [ ] A) Energy can be created in a closed system.
- [ ] B) Energy can be transformed from one form to another.
- [ ] C) Total energy in a closed system remains constant.
- [ ] D) Energy can be destroyed in a closed system.

Design an experiment to demonstrate the conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy using household items. Describe the setup, procedure, and expected outcomes.

Hint: Think about simple experiments that illustrate energy transformation.