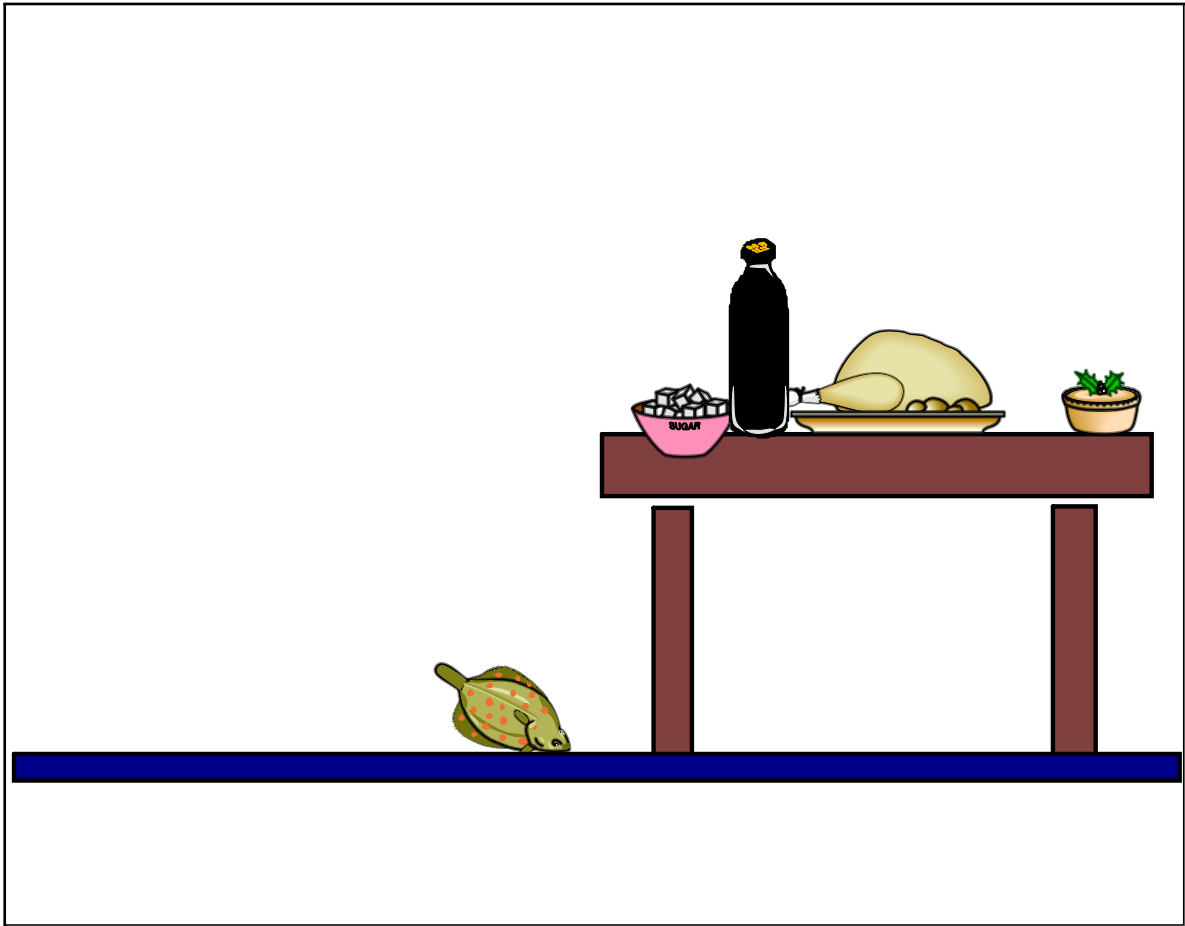


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Potential energy-
the stored energy
of a position

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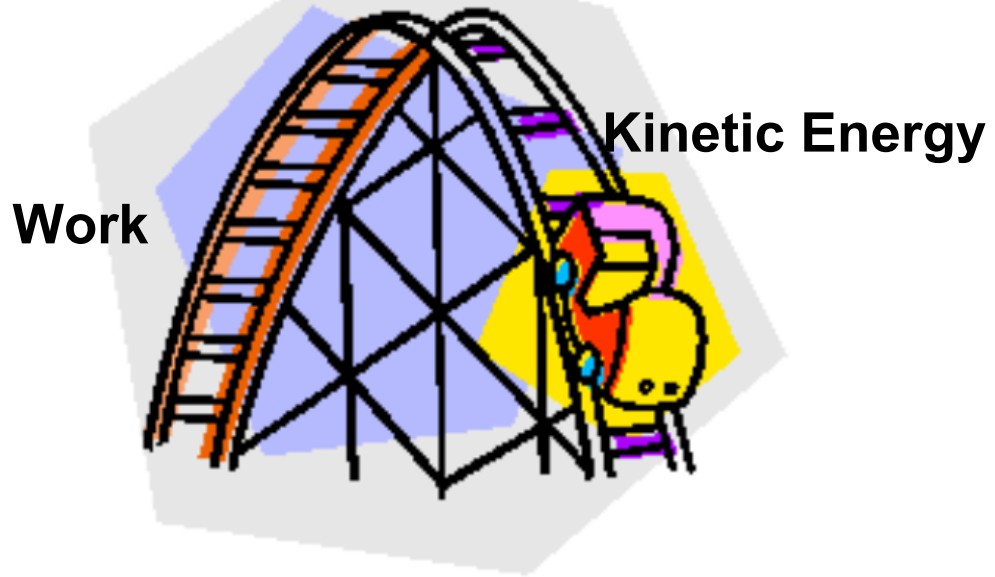


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Graviational potential energy is stored when work lifts an object aganist the force of gravity

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Potential Energy



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Equation for gravitational potential energy

$$E_p = W H$$

Weight (N) height (m)

What are the units?

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What is the gravitational potential energy of an object weighing 6n, lifted 2.5m?

$$E_p = 6 \cdot 2.5$$
$$E_p = 15 \text{ J}$$

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A 37 N object is lifted to a height of 3 meters.
What is the potential energy of this object?

$$E_p = 37 \cdot 3$$
$$E_p = 111 \text{ J}$$

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A 30 kg child climbs 15 meters up a tree.
When he stops to have a look around,
what is the child's potential energy?

$$30 \cdot 9.8 \quad E_p = W \cdot H$$
$$294N \quad E_p = 294N \cdot 15$$
$$4410 J$$

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A 1.8 kg cat climbs upwards 12 meters to sit on the
roof of a house. How much potential energy does it
possess while it sits enjoying the sunshine?

$$1.8 \cdot 9.8 \quad E_p = 17.64N(12)$$
$$17.64N \quad E_p = 211.68 J$$

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A boulder has 5000 J of potential energy while sitting on top of a cliff. If the cliff is 250 m above the ground, what is the weight of the boulder?

$$\frac{5000\text{J}}{250} = \frac{W \cdot 250}{250}$$
$$20\text{N}$$

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