



# KINETIC AND POTENTIAL ENERGY WORKSHEETS

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2. A baby carriage is sitting at the top of a hill that is 21 m high. The carriage with the baby has a mass of 1.5 kg. The carriage has \_\_\_\_\_ energy. Calculate it show your work.
3. A car is traveling with a velocity of 40 m/s and has a mass of 1120 kg. The car has \_\_\_\_\_ energy. Calculate it and show your work.
4. A cinder block is sitting on a platform 20 m high. It weighs 7.9 kg. The block has \_\_\_\_\_ energy. Calculate it and show your work.
5. Determine the kinetic energy of a 1000-kg roller coaster car that is moving with a speed of ng with a speed of 20.0 m/s. 20.0 m/s.
6. The potential energy of a 40-kg cannonball is 14000 J. How high was the cannonball to have this much potential energy?



## ANSWER KEY

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 $KE = 0.5 \times 2.1 \times 30^2$   
 $KE = 945\text{J}$
2. A baby carriage is sitting at the top of a hill that is 21 m high. The carriage with the baby has a mass of 1.5 kg. The carriage has **Potential** energy. Calculate it show your work.  
 $PE = 1.5 \times 9.81 \times 21$   
 $PE = 309.015\text{J}$
3. A car is traveling with a velocity of 40 m/s and has a mass of 1120 kg. The car has **Kinetic** energy. Calculate it and show your work.  
 $KE = 0.5 \times 1120 \times 40^2$   
 $KE = 896\,000\text{J}$
4. A cinder block is sitting on a platform 20 m high. It weighs 7.9 kg. The block has **Potential** energy. Calculate it and show your work.  
 $PE = 7.9 \times 9.81 \times 20$   
 $PE = 1549.98\text{J}$
5. Determine the kinetic energy of a 1000-kg roller coaster car that is moving with a speed of 20.0 m/s.  
 $KE = 0.5 \times 1000 \times 20^2$   
 $KE = 200\,000\text{J}$
6. The potential energy of a 40-kg cannonball is 14000 J. How high was the cannonball to have this much potential energy?  
 $H = PE / (G \times M)$   
 $H = 14000 / (9.81 \times 40)$   
 $H = 35.68\text{M}$