Ch 13 Work & Energy



13.1 Work is the use of force to move an object

 A force must be applied to an object to do work & the object must move in the direction of the force



Work = force x distance



Joule is the standard unit of measurement for work (force must be in Newtons & distance in meters)

Objects that are moving can do work

- Earth's gravitational force does work on water & other natural materials
- People use moving objects to help them do work



13. 2 Energy is transferred when work is done

- Work transfers energy
 - When work is done on an object, the energy is transferred from whatever is exerting the force to the object





Work changes potential & kinetic energy

 An object has potential energy due to its position or shape

**Gravitational potential energy GPE = m X g X h

**Kinetic energy KE = ½ mV₂



into KE. As a coaster car gains height it loses speed; KE is transformed into PE. The sum of the KE and PE is a constant.

Mechanical energy is an object's combined PE & KE

 An object with mechanical energy can do work on another object



A weightlifter applies a force to cause a barbell to be displaced. The barbell then possesses mechanical energy - all in the form of potential energy.



The total amount of energy is constant

- <u>Law of Conservation of Energy</u>—energy is neither created or destroyed but can change into other forms
- Common forms of energy
 - Mechanical
 - Thermal
 - Chemical
 - Nuclear
 - electromagnetic



As a ball rolls down a ramp, the amounts of PE & KE change but the <u>total energy is the same</u>

A ball at the top of a hill has potential energy but no kinetic energy.

> A ball rolling down a hill has both kinetic and potential energy

> > A ball at the bottom of the hill which is not rolling has neither potential nor kinetic energy.

A ball which has reached the bottom of the hill but is still rolling has kinetic energy but no potential energy.





13.3 Power is the rate at which work is done

- Power can be calculated from work & time
- When the power of an object increases, work is done faster

P = W/t or P = F x d/t

<u>Watt</u>—unit for power (1 watt = 1 joule of work in 1 second)

<u>Horsepower</u>—unit of power based on how much work a horse can do in 1 minute (used in engines or motors)

1 HP = 745 W



Power can be calculated from energy and time

 Power can be thought of as the rate which energy is transferred over a certain period of time

P = Energy/time

