

Exercise 4B

1 a Kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.3 \times 15^2 = 33.8 \text{ J (3 s.f.)}$

b Kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 2^2 = 6 \text{ J}$

c Kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times 100^2 = 500 \text{ J}$

d Kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 25 \times 4^2 = 200 \text{ J}$

e Kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 800 \times 20^2 = 160\,000 \text{ J}$

In order, from the most kinetic energy to the least, will be **e, c, d, a, b**

2 a Gain of P.E. = $mgh = 1.5 \times 9.8 \times 3 = 44.1 \text{ J}$

b Gain of P.E. = $mgh = 55 \times 9.8 \times 15 = 8085 \text{ J}$

c Loss of P.E. = $mgh = 75 \times 9.8 \times 30 = 22\,050 \text{ J}$

d Loss of P.E. = $mgh = 580 \times 9.8 \times 6 = 34\,104 \text{ J}$

3 Decrease in K.E. = $\frac{1}{2}mu^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 \times 12^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 \times 4^2$
 $= 76.8$

The decrease in the particle's K.E. is 76.8 J

4 Increase in K.E. = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times 900 \times 20^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 900 \times 5^2$
 $= 168\,750$

The increase in the van's K.E. is 168 750 J

5 Increase in K.E. = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2$
 $6 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.2 \times v^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 0.2 \times 2^2$
 $6 = 0.1v^2 - 0.4$
 $v^2 = \frac{6.4}{0.1} = 64$
 $v = 8 \quad (v > 0)$

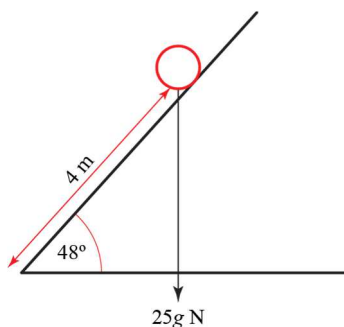
← Speed is positive.

The value of v is 8.

$$\begin{aligned}
 6 \quad \text{Decrease in K.E.} &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\
 100 &= \frac{1}{2} \times 45 \times 5^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 45v^2 \\
 100 &= 562.5 - 22.5v^2 \\
 v^2 &= \frac{462.5}{22.5} \\
 v &= \pm 4.533\dots \\
 v &= 4.533\dots \quad (v > 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

The skater's final speed is 4.53 m s^{-1} (3 s.f.)

7 a



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{P.E. lost} &= mgh \\
 &= 25 \times 9.8 \times (4 \sin 48^\circ) \\
 &= 728.2\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Vertical distance moved is $4 \sin 48^\circ$.

The P.E. lost by the child is 728 J (3 s.f.)

b You have assumed there to be no air resistance. This would be valid for low speeds, but not for high speeds.

8 a $s = 2 \text{ m}$, $a = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $u = 0$, $v = ?$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$v^2 = 0 + 2 \times 9.8 \times 2$$

$$v^2 = 39.2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{K.E.} &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.6 \times 39.2 \\
 &= 11.76
 \end{aligned}$$

Use $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ to find the speed of the ball as it hits the water.

The K.E. of the ball as it hits the surface of the water is 11.8 J (3 s.f.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b K.E. lost} &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\
 &= 11.76 - \frac{1}{2} \times 0.6 \times 4.8^2 \\
 &= 4.848
 \end{aligned}$$

The K.E. lost by the ball is 4.85 J (3 s.f.)

9 $u = 35 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a = -1.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $t = 5 \text{ s}$, $v = ?$

$$v = u + at$$

$$v = 35 - 1.2 \times 5$$

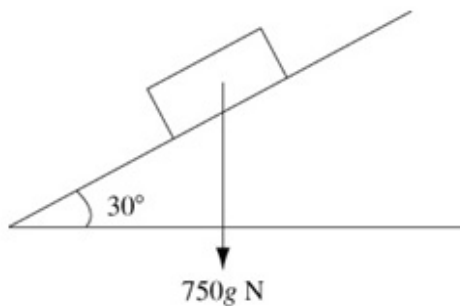
$$v = 29$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Loss of K.E.} &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2000 \times 35^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2000 \times 29^2 \\ &= 384\,000 \end{aligned}$$

The loss of K.E. of the lorry is 384 000 J

Use $v = u + at$ to find the final speed of the lorry.

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a Loss of K.E. $= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 750 \times 20^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 750 \times 15^2 \\ &= 65\,625 \end{aligned}$$

The loss of K.E. of the car is 65 625 J

b Gain of P.E. $= mgh$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 750 \times 9.8 \times (500 \sin 30^\circ) \\ &= 1\,837\,500 \end{aligned}$$

The gain of P.E. of the car is 1 837 500 J

11 Increase of P.E. $= mgh$

$$15.7 \times 1000 = 80 \times 9.8h$$

$$h = \frac{15.7 \times 1000}{80 \times 9.8}$$

$$h = 20.02$$

The cliff is 20.0 m high (3 s.f.)

1 kJ = 1000 J

Challenge

- a** The ball is dropped from the top of a cliff, and falls freely under gravity.

Use the equation $v = u + at$

Using $u = 0$ and $a = g$, you have $v = gt$

$$\text{K.E.} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (gt)^2 = \frac{g^2t^2}{2} = 48.0t^2$$

$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$. So using $s = h$, $u = 0$ and $a = g$, you have $h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$$\text{P.E.} = -mgh = -1 \times g \times \left(\frac{1}{2}gt^2\right) = -\frac{g^2t^2}{2} = -48.0t^2$$

- b** Kinetic energy + potential energy = $\frac{g^2t^2}{2} + \left(-\frac{g^2t^2}{2}\right) = 0$

So kinetic energy + potential energy is constant.