

# WJEC England GCSE Physics

## 1.1 - Energy Changes in a System, and in the Ways Energy is Stored

### Flashcards

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$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Mass} \times (\text{Velocity})^2$$

Energy (J), Mass(kg), Velocity(m/s)



What is the equation for elastic potential energy? Give SI units for all quantities involved.



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$$\frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Spring Constant} \times (\text{Extension})^2$$

Energy (J), Spring Constant (N/m), Extension(m)



What is the equation for gravitational potential energy? Give SI units for all quantities involved.



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$$mgh$$

Mass x Gravitational Field Strength x Height

Energy (J), Mass(kg), Gravitational Field Strength (N/kg),

Height (m)



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1. Raise the temperature of the substance
2. Change the state of the substance



What three factors determine the temperature change of a system?



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1. Mass of substance being heated
2. Type of material (Specific heat capacity)
3. Energy input into the system



State the equation used to calculate the temperature change when a substance is heated. Give appropriate units.



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- $\Delta E = m c \Delta \theta$
- Energy (J), Mass (kg), Specific Heat Capacity (J/kg/°C), Temperature (°C)



Define specific heat capacity.



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The amount of energy needed to increase the temperature of 1kg of a substance by  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



Define specific latent heat.





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The amount of energy needed to change the state of 1kg of a substance **with no change in temperature.**



State the equation for the energy required to change state. Give appropriate units.



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- Energy to change state = mass  $\times$  specific latent heat
- Energy (J), Mass (kg), Specific latent heat (J/kg)



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$\text{J}/^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{kg}$

Joules/Degree Celsius/Kilogram



# Define power.



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The rate at which energy is transferred  
(or rate at which work is done).



State **two** equations for power. Give SI units for all quantities involved.





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=energy transferred/time

=work done/time

Energy (J), Work Done (J), Time (s)



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## Watt (W)



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The energy transferred is the same but  
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- Upwards: KE is converted to GPE
  - Peak: Maximum GPE, zero KE
- Downwards: GPE is converted to KE

KE (Kinetic Energy), GPE (Gravitational Potential Energy)



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- When falling, the GPE is converted to KE of jumper.
- As the cord tightens, KE is converted and stored as Elastic Potential Energy (EPE).
- At lowest point, the jumper's initial GPE equals the EPE stored in the cord.



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- Kinetic energy decreases since it is converted to elastic potential energy.
- Since KE is proportional to  $(\text{velocity})^2$ , as KE decreases, so does velocity.



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- Food
- Fuel (eg. wood, coal, petrol)
  - Batteries



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1. Kinetic Energy
2. Gravitational Potential Energy
3. Elastic Potential Energy
4. Chemical Energy

