

P1 Conservation of Energy

Principle of the conservation of energy: **Energy can never be created or destroyed**



Kinetic energy	All moving objects have kinetic energy. $E_k = 0.5 \times \text{mass} \times \text{speed}^2$ $E_k = 0.5 \times m \times v^2$ (J) (kg) (m/s)
Gravitational Potential energy	When an object moves higher off the ground $E_p = \text{mass} \times \text{gravity} \times \text{height moved}$ $E_p = m \times g \times \Delta h$ (J) (kg) (N/kg) (m)
Elastic potential energy	Energy stored in springs, elastic bands and bouncy balls $E_e = 0.5 \times \text{spring constant} \times \text{extension}^2$ $E_e = 0.5 \times k \times e^2$ (J) (N/m) (m) This equation is given in the exam

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Useful}}{\text{Total}} \times 100$$

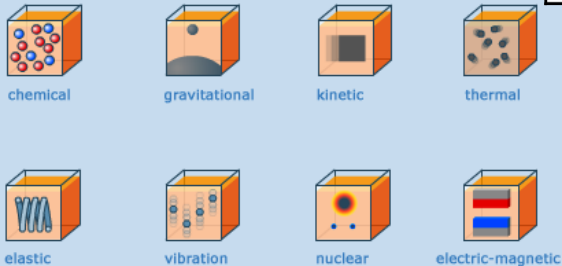
There are no units for efficiency, your answer is either a decimal or a percentage. Every machine is always less than 100% efficient.

Efficiency and power

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful power}}{\text{total power}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Wasted power} = \text{total power input} - \text{useful power}$$

A set of stores of energy



You can develop a good understanding of energy as a quantity with this collection.

P2 Energy Transfer by Heating

Heat is thermal energy. It can be transferred from one place to another by conduction. Metals are good conductors of heat, but non-metals and gases are usually poor conductors. Poor conductors are called insulators.

All materials have a specific heat capacity value. The higher the value of the specific heat capacity, the more energy it takes to heat up a material. Metals have low values as they are easily heated up.

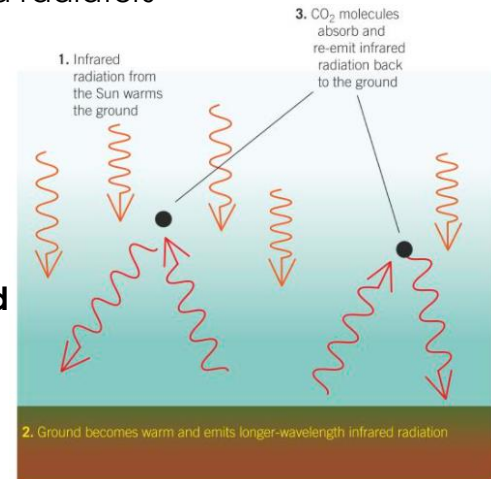
Equation for specific heat capacity:

$$\text{Energy} = \text{mass} \times \text{specific heat capacity} \times \text{change in temperature}$$

Way to reduce heat loss from a house:

- Aluminium foil behind radiators
- Cavity wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- Thick walls
- Double glazing

The higher the temperature of an object the more infrared radiation it emits



Vocabulary:

Conservation of energy: energy cannot be created or destroyed

Dissipated energy: the energy that is not usefully transferred and stored in less useful ways

Efficiency: useful energy transferred by a device \div total energy supplied to the device

Elastic potential energy: energy stored in an elastic object as a result of it being deformed. For example, a stretched spring

Input energy: energy supplied to a device

Power: the energy transformed or transferred per second. The unit of power is the watt (W)

Spring constant: force per unit extension of a spring

Useful energy: Energy transferred to where it is wanted in the way that is wanted

Wasted energy: Energy that is not usefully transferred

Work: the energy transferred by a force. Work done (joules, J) = force (newtons, N) x distance moved in the direction of the force (metres, m)

Black body radiation: the radiation emitted by a perfect black body (a body that absorbs all the radiation that hits it)

Infrared radiation: electromagnetic waves between visible light and microwaves in the electromagnetic spectrum

Specific heat capacity: energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance by 1 °C

Thermal conductivity: property of a material that determines the energy transfer through it by conduction

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