

Work

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MOP Connection: Work and Energy: sublevel 1

- An **impulse** is a force acting over some amount of time to cause a change in momentum. On the other hand, **work** is a force acting over some amount of displacement to cause a change in energy.
- Indicate whether or not the following represent examples of work.

	Work Done?
a. A teacher applies a force to a wall and becomes exhausted. Explanation: <u>nothing moves</u>	Yes or <input checked="" type="radio"/> No?
b. A weightlifter lifts a barbell above her head. Explanation: <u>force is applied equal to gravitational force to move the barbell a distance.</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes or No?
c. A waiter carries a tray full of meals across a dining room at a constant speed. Explanation: <u>constant velocity means no net force.</u>	Yes or <input checked="" type="radio"/> No?
d. A rolling marble hits a note card and moves it across a table. Explanation: <u>The marble did not apply a force over a distance</u>	Yes or <input checked="" type="radio"/> No?
e. A shot-putter launches the shot. Explanation: <u>a force is applied over the distance that the shot-putter's arm moves.</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes or No?

- Work is a _____; a + or - sign on a work value indicates information about _____.
 - vector; the direction of the work vector
 - scalar; the direction of the work vector
 - vector; whether the work adds or removes energy from the object
 - scalar; whether the work adds or removes energy from the object



- Which sets of units represent legitimate units for the quantity work? Circle all correct answers.


- Joule
- N x m
- Foot x pound
- kg x m/sec
- kg x m/sec²
- kg x m²/sec²

$$W = Fd$$

$$[\Rightarrow] (N)(m)$$

$$= \frac{kg \cdot m}{s^2} (m)$$

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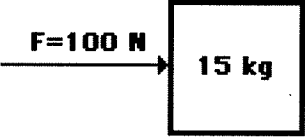
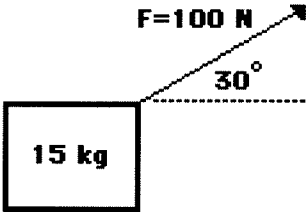
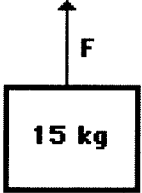
The amount of work (W) done on an object by a given force can be calculated using the formula

$$W = F d \cos \Theta$$

where F is the force and d is the distance over which the force acts and Θ is the angle between F and d . It is important to recognize that the angle included in the equation is not *just any old angle*; it has a distinct definition that must be remembered when solving such work problems.

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5. For each situation below, calculate the amount of work done by the applied force. PSYW

 <p>A 100 N force is applied to move a 15 kg object a horizontal distance of 5 meters at constant speed.</p> <p>$W = Fd$ $= 500 \text{ J}$</p>	 <p>A 100 N force is applied at an angle of 30° to the horizontal to move a 15 kg object at a constant speed for a horizontal distance of 5 m.</p> <p>$W = Fd \sin 30$ $= 250 \text{ J}$</p>	 <p>An upward force is applied to lift a 15 kg object to a height of 5 meters at constant speed.</p> <p>$F_a = F_g = 15(9.8) = 147 \text{ N}$ $W = Fd$ $= 735 \text{ J}$</p>
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6. Indicate whether there is positive (+) or negative (-) work being done on the object.

- a. An eastward-moving car skids to a stop across dry pavement.
- T b. A freshman stands on his toes and lifts a **World Civilization** book to the top shelf of his locker.
- + c. At Great America, a **roller coaster** car is lifted to the peak of the first hill on the Shock Wave.
- d. A catcher puts out his mitt and catches the **baseball**.
- e. A falling **parachutist** opens the chute and slows down.

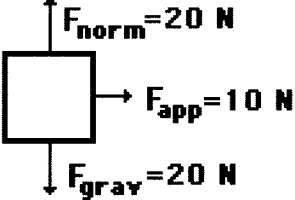
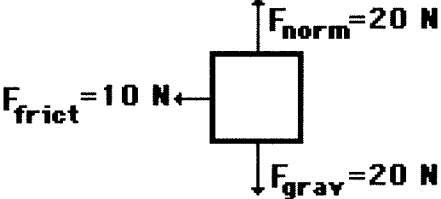
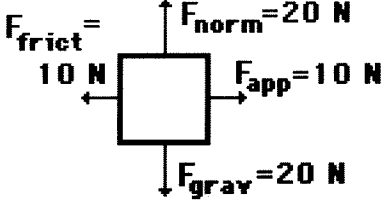
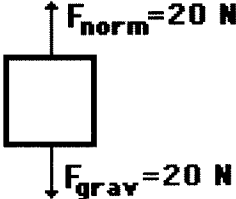
7. Before beginning its initial descent, a roller coaster car is always pulled up the first hill to a high initial height. Work is done on the car (usually by a chain) to achieve this initial height. A coaster designer is considering three different angles at which to drag the 2000-kg car train to the top of the 60-meter high hill. Her big question is: which angle would require the most work?

Show your answers and explain.

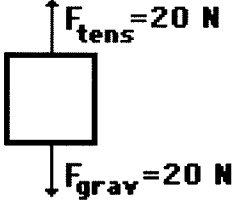
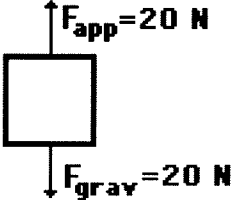
$W = Fd \cos \Theta$

Angle	Force	Distance	Work
35°	$1.15 \cdot 10^4 \text{ N}$	105 m	989 000 J
45°	$1.41 \cdot 10^4 \text{ N}$	84.9 m	846 000 J
55°	$1.64 \cdot 10^4 \text{ N}$	73.2 m	689 000 J

8. The following descriptions and their accompanying free-body diagrams show the forces acting upon an object. For each case, calculate the work done by these forces; use the format of force • displacement • cosine(θ). Finally, calculate the total work done by all forces.

Free-Body Diagram	Forces Doing Work on the Object Amount of Work Done by Each Force
<p>a. A 10-N force is applied to push a block across a frictionless surface for a displacement of 5.0 m to the right.</p> 	$W_{\text{norm}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{app}} = 10 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = 50 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = -20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = \underline{\quad 50 \quad} \text{ J}$
<p>b. A 10-N frictional force slows a moving block to a stop along a horizontal surface after a displacement of 5.0 m to the right.</p> 	$W_{\text{norm}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = -20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{frict}} = -10 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = -50 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = \underline{\quad -50 \quad} \text{ J}$
<p>c. A 10-N forces is applied to push a block across a frictional surface at constant speed for a displacement of 5.0 m to the right.</p> 	$W_{\text{norm}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{app}} = 10 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = 50 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{frict}} = -10 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = -50 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = \underline{\quad 0 \quad} \text{ J}$
<p>d. A 2-kg object is sliding at constant speed across a frictionless surface for a displacement of 5.0 m to the right.</p> 	$W_{\text{norm}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = -20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(\text{---}) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = \underline{\quad 0 \quad} \text{ J}$


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<p>e. A 2-kg object is pulled upward at constant speed by a 20-N force for a vertical displacement of 5.0 m.</p> 	$W_{\text{tens}} = 20 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = 100 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = -20 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos(0) = -100 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = 0 \text{ J}$
<p>f. A 2-kg tray of dinner plates is held in the air and carried a distance of 5.0 m to the right.</p> 	$W_{\text{app}} = 20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(-) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{grav}} = -20 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos(-) = 0 \text{ J}$ $W_{\text{total}} = 0 \text{ J}$

9. When a force is applied to do work on an object, does the object always accelerate? no
 Explain why or why not.
 - a frictional force may be acting against the motion
 - the net work will be zero, but the applied force is doing work.

10. Determine the work done in the following situations.

- a. Jim Neysweeper is applying a 21.6-N force downward at an angle of 57.2° with the horizontal to displace a broom a distance of 6.28 m.



$$W = Fd \cos \theta$$

$$= (21.6)(6.28) \cos(57.2) = \underline{73.5 \text{ J}}$$

- b. Ben Pumpiniron applies an upward force to lift a 129-kg barbell to a height of 1.98 m at a constant speed.

$$W = Fd \cos \theta$$

$$= mgd \cos \theta = 129(9.8)(1.98 \text{ m} \cos(0))$$

$$= \underline{2500 \text{ J}}$$

- c. An elevator lifts 12 occupants up 21 floors (76.8 meters) at a constant speed. The average mass of the occupants is 62.8 kg.

$$\text{Total mass} = 12(62.8) = 753.6 \text{ kg}$$

$$W = Fd \cos \theta$$

$$= mgd$$

$$= (753.6)(9.8)(76.8) = \underline{568000 \text{ J}}$$