One end of a light elastic string, of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $\frac{16}{3}Mg$, is attached to a fixed point O. A particle P of mass $4M$ is attached to the other end of the string and hangs vertically in equilibrium. Another particle of mass $2M$ is attached to P and the combined particle is then released from rest. The speed of the combined particle when it has descended a distance $\frac{1}{4}a$ is v.

Find an expression for v in terms of g and a. [6]