

# Work, energy and power

## 1 Work

$$\mathbf{Work(J) = Force(N) \times Distance(m)}$$

For work done against gravity, use vertical distance.

For work against friction, use distance in the direction of motion

## 2 Energy

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$GPE = E_P = mgh$$

## 3 Conservation of energy

A particle's total energy is constant if it is subject only to gravity (i.e. smooth surfaces)

If there are frictional forces to consider then the loss of energy is the work done by friction.

## 4 Power

$$\mathbf{Power = Force \times Velocity}$$

Usually given in kW