

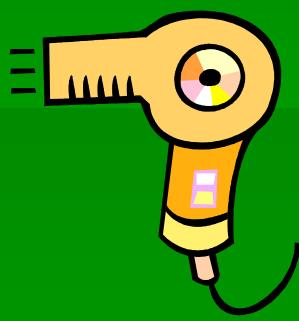
Conservation of Energy

Changing Forms of Energy

- Energy is most noticeable as it transforms from one type to another.
- What are some examples of transforming electrical energy?
 - A lightbulb
 - A hair dryer

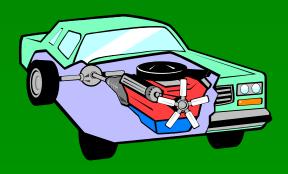






Changing forms of Energy

• An example of transforming chemical energy is a car engine. Chemical potential energy in gasoline is transformed into kinetic energy of the car as it moves!!



KE and PE



- In many situations, there is a conversion between potential and kinetic energy.
- The total amount of potential and kinetic energy in a system is called the mechanical energy
- Mechanical energy = PE + KE

Mechanical Energy

 Mechanical energy is due to the position and motion of the object.

What happens to the mechanical energy of an apple as it falls from a tree?



Mechanical Energy

- As the apple falls to the ground, its height decreases. Therefore, its GPE decreases.
- The potential energy is not lost... it is converted into kinetic energy as the velocity of the apple increases.
- What happens to the mechanical energy?

Mechanical Energy

- The mechanical energy does not change because the loss in potential energy is simply transferred into kinetic energy.
- The energy in the system remains constant!!



Swinging Along

- Think about the changes in energy when you are on a swing...
- At what point do you have the most potential energy?
- At what point do you have the most kinetic energy?
- What happens to the mechanical energy?



The Law of Conservation of Energy

 The Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy cannot be created or destroyed.

The big picture... the total energy in the universe remains constant.

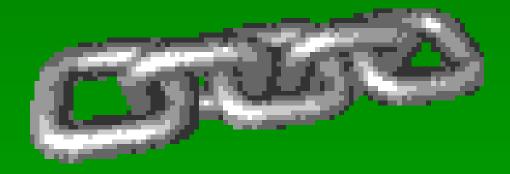
• But how? If I stop pumping while I'm swinging, I stop!! So, where's the energy?





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You need to remember friction...



 As you slow down on the swing, the hooks and the chain rub against each other and air pushes against the rider. Friction causes some of the mechanical energy of the swing to change to thermal energy and the temperature of the hooks and chain heat up a little.



Conservation of Energy

Energy is transformed... not destroyed!!



Energy in Your Body

 Even the energy converted in your body follows the law of conservation of energy.





 Chemical potential energy is transferred to kinetic energy that allows your body to move!!

Calories....



- A Calorie (C) is a unit to measure energy in foods.
- 1 Calorie is equal to about 4,184 Joules.



- 55 Calories while sleeping for 1 hour
 - 210 Calories while walking for 1 hour
 - 850 Calories while running for 1 hour

