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Physics 11

Unit 7 - Energy  
Section 7.1: Work

Energy is something which cannot be created or destroyed, only transferred from one form to another or from one object to another.



Energy is also the ability to do work.

$$W = F_{\parallel} d$$

Labels below the equation: 'Nm' under 'W', 'N' under 'F', and 'm' under 'd'.

Work is a scalar, but it can be negative if F and d are "antiparallel" (in opposite directions)

When you hold an object in the air, do you do work?

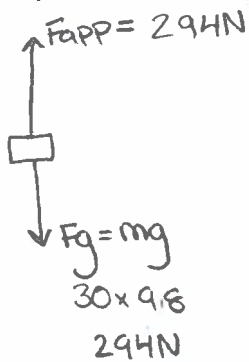
Do you do work?

Yes! Your heart does work on your blood. Your lungs do work on the air.

Do you do work on the object?

No! Because the object doesn't move any distance.

**Example:** If you lift a 30 kg weight from the ground to a height of 1.5 m at constant velocity, how much work do you do on the weight?



$$W = F_{\parallel} d$$

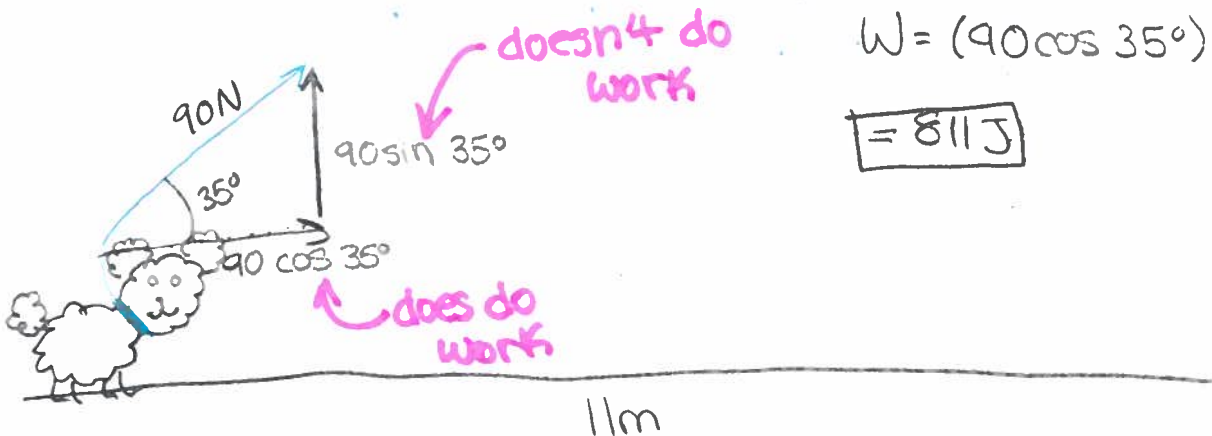
$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= F_{app \parallel} d \\
 &= (294)(1.5) \\
 &= \boxed{441 \text{ J}}
 \end{aligned}$$

How much work does gravity do on the weight?

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= F_{\parallel} d \\
 &= (294)(1.5) \\
 &= \boxed{-441 \text{ J}}
 \end{aligned}$$

negative goes in at end because  $F$  and  $d$  are in opposite directions.

**Example:** A stubborn poodle refuses to walk. His frustrated owner drags the dog back home along the 11 m driveway by its leash. If the leash makes an angle of 35 degrees with the horizontal and has a tension of 90 N, how much work does the person do on the poodle?



$$W = F_{\parallel} d$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= (90 \cos 35^\circ)(11) \\
 &= \boxed{811 \text{ J}}
 \end{aligned}$$