

Study Guide – Work, Power & Machines

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1. WORK:

- a. Define *work*:

- b. Work can also be defined as a transfer of _____.
- c. In order for work to be done, force and displacement must be in the _____ direction.
- d. Give one example in which work is done:

- e. Give one example in which work is not done:

- f. For the following 3 scenarios, explain why work *is* or *is not* done:
 - A woman preparing for a trip lifts her suitcase from the floor to the bed so that she may pack more easily.

 - A man spends 5 minutes thinking about the most efficient way to decorate his roof with Christmas lights.

 - A student carries his book bag down the hallway.

- g. Identify which of the pairs in each scenario illustrates *more* work being done:
 - _____ A boy helps a teacher by lifting a 200-N box of books 1.5 meters from the floor to the desktop.
 - _____ The same boy lifts a 500-N box of books the same height.
 - _____ Explain your choice:

 - _____ A girl throws a 1-kg softball with a force of 50 Newtons a distance of 25 meters.
 - _____ The same girl throws the softball with the same force a distance of 17 meters.
 - _____ Explain your choice:

- h. The formula for calculating work is _____, and the unit for work is the _____.

2. POWER:

- a. Define *power*:

- b. How are power and work related?

- c. Identify which of the pairs in each scenario illustrates *less* power being generated:
 - _____ A woman pushes a cart with 95 N of force 3 m in 10 seconds.
 - _____ A man pushes a cart with 95 N of force 3 m in 13 seconds.
 - _____ Explain your choice:

 - _____ A 340-N student climbs the stairs in 14 seconds.
 - _____ A 420-N student climbs the stairs in 14 seconds.
 - _____ Explain your choice:

- d. The relationship between power, force and velocity is _____.

3. MACHINES:

- a. A machine is a device that _____.

- b. The 6 simple machines include:

- c. The 2 simple machines that are a modified version of the inclined plane are _____ and _____.

- d. The work input for a machine is _____, while the output is _____.
- e. If work input is not equal to work output for a machine, how does the Law of Conservation of Energy explain this "lost" energy?
- f. Why is no machine 100 % efficient, or greater than 100 % efficient?
- g. The efficiency of a machine can be calculated by _____.
- h. Calculate the efficiency of the following machines:
- 1200 N of force are used to push a lever down 1.3 m. The lever raises a 1450-N boulder 0.4 m.
 - A machine that places the caps on plastic soda bottles requires 25 kJ of input work. The output work of the machine is 23 kJ.

i. Define *mechanical advantage*:

- j. Fill in the blanks with either IMA (Ideal Mechanical Advantage) or AMA (Actual Mechanical Advantage).
- _____ the advantage a machine could provide in a perfect world
 - _____ depends on position of the machine's parts
 - _____ depends on forces involved in use of the machine
 - _____ the advantage a machine provides when used in the real world

k. Provide the appropriate formulas for each type of mechanical advantage, and include what the variables mean:

IMA = _____

AMA = _____

l. Determine the *ideal* and *actual mechanical advantage* for each of the following machines:

- A lever has an effort arm with a length of 2 m and a resistance arm with a length of 0.5 m. When 900 N of force are applied to the lever, a 1750-N load is raised 0.3 m.

IMA =

AMA =

- An engineer is designing a wheelchair ramp for a new school building. She designs a 25-m ramp to help disabled staff and students travel the 3.5 m from the ground to the school's entrance. With her design, a student in his wheelchair with a combined weight of 590 N only has to exert about 90 N of force to climb the ramp.

IMA =

AMA =

m. Identify and label the different simple machines used in the complex machine to the right:

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -
- 6 -

