STE Extra Work/Energy Problems



8. a) A constant force acts on a 2000 kg bus in order to accelerate it from 15 to 20 m/s in 5 seconds. (recall: $\frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - t_i} = a$). The force is applied over a distance of 87. 5m. Find the work being done on the bus.

$$\frac{v_f - v_i}{t_f - v_i} = a$$
$$\frac{(20 - 15) m/s}{(5 - 0)s} = 1 m/s^2$$

F = ma= 2000(1) = 2000 N W = F*d = 2000N (87.5)m = 175 000 J (important: effective force is being used: same direction as displacement of bus)

b) What is the change in the kinetic energy of the bus?

Same as work = 175 500 J Not convinced? $Ek_{final} - Ek_{original} = 0.5 mv_{f}^{2} - 0.5 mv_{i}^{2} = 0.5m(v_{f}^{2} - v_{i}^{2}) = 0.5(2000)(20^{2} - 15^{2}) = 175 000 J$ 9. 3.6 J of work are done to drive a nail 2 cm deeper into a piece of wood. What force was applied?

W = F*d 1 J = 1 Nm 3.6 Nm = F(0.02 m) F = 3.6/0.02 = 180 N





10. a) If a 75 kg man walks up the hill, ignoring friction, what continuous force must he apply to climb the hill if the angle shown is 70° ?

First realize that the angle of inclination is the one below his foot = $90^{\circ} - 70^{\circ} = 20^{\circ} = \emptyset$.

F effective = mgsin \emptyset = 75(9.8)sin20 = 251.384 N

b) Show two ways of obtaining the work done by the man if d = 100 m.

W = $F_{effective}$ *d = 251.384N* 100 = 25 138 J Ep = mgh But h = dcos θ = 100cos70 = 34.20 m Ep = 75*9.8*(34.20) = 25 138 J 11. How fast is the rock travelling when it is halfway down? Total height = 4.0 m.



On top: total energy = potential + kinetic = mgh + 0(not moving) = mgh total energy halfway = mg(h/2) + $0.5mv^2$

but total energy does not change:

 $mgh = mg(h/2) + 0.5mv^2$ (if the rest confuses you, you can start plugging in numbers right way here and solve for v)

m cancels: $gh = g(h/2) + 0.5v^{2}$ $gh - g(h/2) = 0.5v^{2}$ $0.5gh = 0.5v^{2}$ $gh = v^{2}$ $v = \sqrt{gh}$

$$v = \sqrt{9.8(4)} = 6.26 \, m/s$$