

## Unit 6: Energy

### Content Outline: Forms of Energy (6.2)

#### I. Energy and Work can be calculated:

- A. Because of the *direct* connection between energy and work, energy is measured in the same unit as work; **joules(J)**
- B.  $PE_{\text{grav}} = \text{mass}(m) \times \text{gravity}(g) \times \text{height}(h) = PE_{\text{grav}} = m \cdot g \cdot h$ ; gravity=  $9.8\text{m/s}^2$
- C.  $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass}(m) \times \text{speed}^2 (v^2) = KE = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot v^2$
- D. **Work = Force (F) x Displacement (d) = W = F x d**

#### II. Energy Exists in different forms:

- A. **Mechanical** – energy due to an objects *ability to move*.
  1. Moving your textbook from your backpack to your desk.
- B. **Thermal (Heat)** – the internal *motion of atoms* is called thermal energy because moving particles produce heat.
  1. Thermal energy *causes changes in temperature and phase* of any form of matter.
  2. Also caused by **friction**(two objects rubbing *against* each other).
- C. **Electromagnetic** – *light energy* transmitted through space in the form of electromagnetic waves.
  1. Gamma rays, X-rays, ultraviolet rays, infrared rays etc.
- D. **Sound** – is produced when an object is made to *vibrate*. Sound energy *travels out as waves* in all directions. Sound needs a *medium* to travel through, such as air, water, wood, and even metal.
  1. Voices, whistles, horns and musical instruments can produce sound energy.
- E. **Nuclear** – *the nucleus of an atom* is the source of nuclear energy.
  1. When the *nucleus splits (fission)*, nuclear energy is released in the form of heat and light energy.
  2. Nuclear energy is also released when nuclei *collide at high speeds and join (fusion)*.
  3. Nuclear energy is the *most concentrated form of energy*.
- F. **Chemical** – energy *stored in the chemical composition* of matter.
  1. Striking a match, combining vinegar and baking soda to form CO<sub>2</sub> gas, breaking light sticks releases chemical energy.
- G. **Electrical** - Energy produced by *electrons moving through a substance*.
  1. Electrical energy lights our homes, run motors, and makes our TVs and iPods work.