

Energy and energy efficiency

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CONCEPT REVIEW 9
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Definitions

- Energy is the ability to do work or effect change.

Unit of measurement: jouleSymbol: J

$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N} \times 1 \text{ m}$$

- The law of conservation of energy states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed; it can only be transferred or transformed. The total amount of energy in an isolated system always remains constant.

- Energy efficiency is the percentage of energy consumed by a machine or system that was transformed into useful energy.

Mathematical formula for calculating energy efficiency

$$\text{Energy efficiency} = \frac{\text{Amount of useful energy}}{\text{Amount of energy consumed}} \times 100$$

Some forms of energy, with possible sources

| Form of energy | Description | Examples of sources |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Radiation | Energy contained in and transported by electromagnetic waves. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microwave oven • Sun • Cellphone • Light bulb • Radiographic equipment • Fire • Radio • Television |
| Chemical energy | Energy stored in molecular bonds. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple • Candle wax • Fossil fuels |
| Wind energy | Energy resulting from the movement of the air. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind |

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INTEGRATION QUESTIONS

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1. In the examples below, does energy perform work (W) or provoke change (C)?

- a) A man runs a marathon.
b) Clothing dries in the sun.
c) A woman lifts weights.
d) A house burns.

W
C
W
C



2. Name a form of energy that could be associated with the following objects.

- a) A wind turbine. Wind energy, electrical energy.
b) Food. Chemical energy, solar energy, mechanical energy, thermal energy.
c) An MP3 player. Radiation, sound energy, electrical energy.

3. In each of the situations below, specify whether there is a transfer or a transformation of energy.

- a) A baseball player hits a ball.
b) Pasta provides the human body with energy.
c) Gas makes a car run.
d) A distribution substation supplies a village with electricity.
e) An electric baseboard produces heat.

Energy transfer.

Energy transformation.

Energy transformation.

Energy transfer.

Energy transformation.

4. A machine has an energy efficiency of 35 percent. What amount of energy must this machine consume to provide 68 kWh of useful energy?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of energy consumed} &= \frac{\text{Amount of useful energy}}{\text{Energy efficiency}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{68 \text{ kWh}}{35} \times 100 \\ &= 194 \text{ kWh}\end{aligned}$$

The machine must consume 194 kWh of energy.

5. The amount of energy contained in a litre of gas is 3.6×10^7 joules. If only 12 percent of this energy is actually used to make a car move, what is the amount of useful energy per litre of gas?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of useful energy} &= \frac{\text{Energy efficiency} \times \text{Amount of energy consumed}}{100} \\ &= \frac{12 \times 3.6 \times 10^7 \text{ J/L}}{100} \\ &= 4.32 \times 10^6 \text{ J/L}\end{aligned}$$

The amount of useful energy is 4.32×10^6 J/L of gas.

Thermal energy

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Definitions

- Thermal energy is the energy contained in a substance, determined by the number of particles in it and their temperature.
- Heat is the transfer of thermal energy between two environments with different temperatures. Heat always passes from the warmer to the cooler environment.
- Temperature is a measure of the degree of agitation of the particles of a substance.
- The specific heat capacity corresponds to the amount of thermal energy required to raise the temperature of one gram of a substance by one degree Celsius.

Factors affecting the thermal energy of a substance

| Factor | Factor variation | Result |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Number of particles | Increases. | Increases. |
| | Decreases. | Decreases. |
| Temperature | Increases. | Increases. |
| | Decreases. | Decreases. |

Mathematical formulas and units of measurement

Formula for indicating the relationship between heat and thermal energy:

$$Q = \Delta E_t$$

where Q is heat (in J).
 ΔE_t is the variation in thermal energy (in J).

Formula for calculating heat absorbed or released:

$$Q = mc\Delta T$$

where Q is the heat—in other words, the variation in thermal energy (in J).
 m is the mass (in g).
 c is the specific heat capacity (in J/g°C).
 ΔT is the temperature variation (in °C).

$$\Delta T = T_f - T_i$$

where T_f is the final temperature (in °C).
 T_i is the initial temperature (in °C).