AQA ENERGY – part 1

Energy pathways

Mechanical	*Force acts upon an object*
Electrical	*Electric current flow*
Heat	*Temperature difference between objects*
Radiation	*Electromagnetic waves or sound*

Kinetic energy	*Energy stored by a moving object*	½ X mass X (speed)^2 ½ mv^2
Elastic Potential energy	*Energy stored in a stretched spring, elastic band*	½ X spring constant X (extension)^2 ½ ke^2 (Assuming the limit of proportionality has not been exceeded)
Gravitational Potential energy	*Energy gained by an object raised above the ground*	Mass X gravitational field strength X height mgh

Energy stores and changes

System	*An object or group of objects that interact together*	EG: Kettle boiling water.
Energy stores	*Kinetic, chemical, internal (thermal), gravitational potential, elastic potential, magnetic, electrostatic, nuclear*	Energy is gained or lost from the object or device.
Ways to transfer energy	*Light, sound, electricity, thermal, kinetic are ways to transfer from one store to another store of energy.*	EG: electrical energy transfers chemical energy into thermal energy to heat water up.
Unit	*Joules (J)*	

Work	*Doing work transfers energy from one store to another*	By applying a force to move an object the energy store is changed.	Work done = Force X distance moved W = Fs
Power	*The rate of energy transfer*	1 Joule of energy per second = 1 watt of power	Power = energy transfer ÷ time P = E ÷ t Power = work done ÷ time, P = W ÷ t

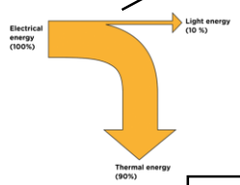
	Units
Specific Heat Capacity	*Joules per Kilogram degree Celsius (J/Kg°C)*
Temperature change	*Degrees Celsius (°C)*
Work done	*Joules (J)*
Force	*Newton (N)*
Distance moved	*Metre (m)*
Power	*Watts (W)*
Time	*Seconds (s)*

Useful energy	*Energy transferred and used*
Wasted energy	*Dissipated energy, stored less usefully*

Prefix	*Multiple*	Standard form
Kilo	*1000*	10^3
Mega	*1000 000*	10^6
Giga	*100 000 000*	10^9

Energy Conservation and Dissipation

Closed system	*No change in total energy in system*	
Open system	*Energy can dissipate*	



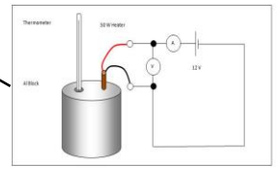
HIGHER: When an object is moved, energy is transferred by doing work.

Work done = Force X distance moved

Frictional forces cause energy to be transferred as thermal energy. This is wasted.

Reducing friction - using wheels, applying lubrication. Reducing air resistance – travelling slowly, streamlining.

Dissipate	*To scatter in all directions or to use wastefully*	When energy is 'wasted', it dissipates into the surroundings as internal (thermal) energy.



Ways to reduce 'wasted' energy	*Energy transferred usefully*	Insulation, streamline design, lubrication of moving parts.

Principle of conservation of energy	*The amount of energy always stays the same.*	Energy cannot be created or destroyed, only changed from one store to another.

	Units
Energy (KE, EPE, GPE, thermal)	*Joules (J)*
Velocity	*Metres per second (m/s)*
Spring constant	*Newton per metre (N/m)*
Extension	*Metres (m)*
Mass	*Kilogram (Kg)*
Gravitational field strength	*Newton per kilogram (N/Kg)*
Height	*Metres (m)*

Change in thermal energy = mass **X** specific heat capacity **X** temperature change

ΔE= m **X c X** Δθ

Specific Heat Capacity	*Energy needed to raise 1kg of substance by 1°C*	Depends on: mass of substance, what the substance is and energy put into the system.

HIGHER: efficiency can be increased using machines.

Efficiency = Useful power output / Total power input

Efficiency = Useful output energy transfer / Total input energy transfer

Efficiency	*How much energy is usefully transferred*