

Power

Power is the rate at which work is done.

Mathematically,

$$P = \frac{W}{\Delta t}$$

Where: P = Power (in watts, W)

W = Work (J)

Δt = time (s)

For example, a 60 W lightbulb uses 60 Joules of energy every second that it is on.

$$60 \text{ W} = 60 \text{ J/s}$$

Ex 1: A 55 kg child runs up a flight of stairs, moving a vertical displacement of 12 m in 5.0 minutes. The same 55 kg child then takes an elevator up the same 12 m, this time taking 11 seconds.

- a) Find the work done in each case.
- b) Find the power generated in each case.

Ex 2: Running the stairs.

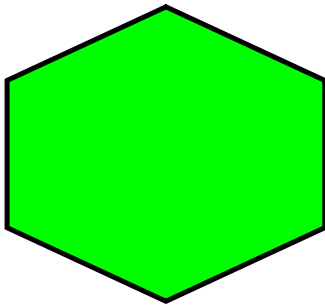
Ex 3: How much energy is consumed by a 1500 W hairdryer that runs for 15 minutes?

$$* W_{\text{done}} = \text{Energy} *$$

Ex 4: A man exerts a force of 150N to push a couch a distance of 2.0 m in 3.5s.
How much power did he generate?

When lifting at a constant speed:

Ex 5: A crane lifts a 1200 kg load at a constant speed of 4.3 m/s. How much power is delivered?



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