

3. A 10.0 N lightsaber is accelerated from rest at a rate of 2.5 m/s^2 . What is the kinetic energy of the lightsaber after it has accelerated over a distance of 15.0 m.

$$\Delta E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1.02)(8.66)^2 - 0$$

$$= \boxed{38 \text{ J}}$$

$$F_g = mg$$

$$m = \frac{10.0}{9.80} = 1.02 \text{ kg}$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad$$

$$v = \sqrt{2(2.5)(15.0)}$$

$$= 8.66$$

4. A 1200.0 N Wookiee jumps off a cliff on Earth. What is its kinetic energy after it falls for 4.50 s?

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$m = \frac{F_g}{g} = \frac{1200.0}{9.80} = 122 \text{ kg}$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$= (9.80)(4.50) = 44.1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} (122)(44.1)^2 = \boxed{119000 \text{ J}}$$

5. An 8.0 kg bantha poodoo is dropped from a height of 7.0 m. What is the kinetic energy of the poodoo just before it hits the ground?

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad$$

$$v = \sqrt{2(9.80)(7.0)} = 11.7$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} (8.0)(11.7)^2 = \boxed{550 \text{ J}}$$

6. A 9.00 kg object falls off of a 1.2 m high table. If all of the object's potential energy is converted into kinetic energy just before it hits the floor, how fast is it moving? (Solve without using kinematics)

$$E_p = E_k$$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$= \sqrt{2(9.8)(1.2)}$$

$$= 4.8 \text{ m/s}$$

7. Solve #6 using kinematics this time. Is there any difference? *Nope!*

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad$$

$$v = \sqrt{2(9.8)(1.2)}$$

$$= 4.8 \text{ m/s}$$

8. A golfer wishes to improve his driving distance. Which would have more effect:

(a) doubling the mass of his golf club or

(b) doubling the speed with which the clubhead strikes the ball? ✓

Explain your answer.

doubling speed because of the exponent v^2