

- thermodynamics: the study of energy transfer

Conservation of energy: Energy may change form, but the overall amount of energy remains constant. "first law of thermodynamics"

- ... but what IS energy?

- energy is the ability to do "work"

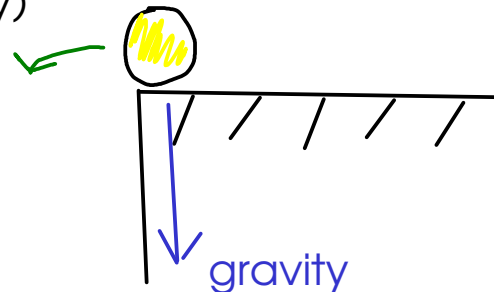
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motion of matter

Kinds of energy?

- Kinetic energy: energy of matter in motion $E_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

↑ mass
↑ velocity

- Potential energy: energy of matter that is being acted on by a field of force (like gravity)



When the ball falls, its potential energy is converted to kinetic!

- What sort of energy concerns chemists? Energy that is absorbed or released during chemical reactions.

- Energy can be stored in chemicals ... molecules and atoms.

INTERNAL ENERGY: "U"



related to the kinetic and potential energy of atoms, molecules, and their component parts.

- We measure energy transfer ... which is called HEAT. (HEAT is the flow of energy from an area of higher temperature to an area of lower temperature)

Q: heat

SYSTEM: the object or material under study

SURROUNDINGS: everything else

Type of process	Energy is ...	Sign of Q	Temp of SURROUNDINGS ...
ENDOTHERMIC	transferred from SURROUNDINGS to SYSTEM	+	decreases
EXOTHERMIC	transferred from SYSTEM to SURROUNDINGS	-	increases