

gravitational potential energy *(grav-i-ta-tion-al-po-ten-tial-en-er-gy)*

Definition

n. the energy possessed by an object because of its position in a gravitational field, typically related to its height above a reference point.

Example Sentence

The boulder at the top of the hill has high **gravitational potential energy**.

More Example Sentences

As the roller coaster descends, its **gravitational potential energy** converts to kinetic energy.

Synonyms

gravitational energy; potential energy; stored energy

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