

Forms of Energy



What is energy?

- Ability to do work or cause change
- Produces Warmth
- Produces Light
- Produces Sound
- Produces Movement
- Produces Growth
- Powers Technology



Classes of Energy



Gravitational Energy

– energy an object or substance has because of its position
Anything "up high"



Stored Mechanical Energy – stored in an object by the application of force Must push or pull on an object



Nuclear Energy -

energy stored in the nucleus of an atom Holds the atom together

> 6 protons 6 electrons 8 neutrons



Chemical Energy –

energy stored in the bonds between atoms

Holds molecules together

Molecular Formula H H H H H Perspective Drawing

<u>Mechanical</u> (Motion) Energy –

movement of objects or substances from one place to another



Electrical Energy

movement of electrons

NOT AN ELECTRON PARADE!



Sound Energy

 movement of energy through substances in the form of longitudinal/compr ession waves



Radiant Energy –

electromagnetic energy that travels in transverse waves



Thermal (Heat) Energy – internal energy of a substance due to the vibration of atoms and molecules making up the substance



Energy Transfers

 Energy can not be created nor destroyed, only changed.

- Law of Conservation of Energy
- First Law of Thermodynamics
- 2 Energy will always transfer from high to low.
- 3 No energy transfer is 100% efficient.









In Review

Energy does work or causes change.
Two main classes of energy: potential and kinetic.

Potential Energy – stored energy or energy of position
Gravitational, Stored Mechanical, Nuclear, Chemical
Kinetic Energy – energy of

•Kinetic Energy – energy of motion

Motion/Mechanical,
 Electrical, Sound, Radiant,
 Thermal/Heat

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