

4. A person who has a mass of 65 kg goes on the Sky Tower ride at an amusement park. The ride is simply a free fall from the top of a tower into a net below. If the person reaches a final velocity of 24.6 m/s just before hitting the net, from what height did the rider drop? Ignore friction with the air.

$E_g = mg\Delta h$

$2.0 \times 10^4 = (65 \text{ kg}) (9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}) \Delta h$

$\Delta h = \frac{2.0 \times 10^4}{(65 \text{ kg}) (9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})}$

$\Delta h = 31639$

$\Delta h = 3.1 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$

change in height is $3.1 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$

~~$E_g = mg\Delta h$~~

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

$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ 31 m

$E_k = (\frac{1}{2}) (65 \text{ kg}) (24.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) (24.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})$

$E_k = 19667.7$

$= 2.0 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{kg m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \rightarrow \text{J}$

this energy = the potential energy