

Physics: Power Output

Purpose: To determine the work done and power output for a simple activity.

Problem: For example, what is my average power output while sprinting 25.0 meters?
What is my power output while climbing stairs?

Prediction: According to my best guess, my power output will be closest to

- a) 60 W light bulb
- b) 150 W stereo
- c) One horsepower (1 hp = 746 W)
- d) 1.0 kW toaster
- e) 4.0 kW clothes dryer

Experimental Design:

Write a brief experimental design outlining your plan to solve the problem(s).

Materials:

- measuring tape	- mass scale
- stopwatch	- masking tape

Evidence/Analysis:

Create a table to display all measured and calculated quantities involved in the laboratory investigation.

1. Provide a sample calculation where appropriate.
2. Answer the problem in sentence format.

Marking Rubric (Optional – as task may not be collected for assessment)

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| 1. Experimental design is clear and appropriate for task | (2) |
| 2. Evidence is neatly recorded and to the correct precision and units. | (2) |
| 3. Speed, kinetic energy, potential energy and power are correctly calculated. | (3) |
| 4. Sample calculations communicate full process and rounded answers. | (2) |
| 5. Answer to problem is communicated clearly in sentence format | (1) |

Total (10)