

Worksheet for Exploration 19.1: Mechanical Equivalent of Heat



As the 100-kg red mass drops, the paddle turns in the liquid and the liquid heats up. Joule used a version of this device to determine the equivalence between heat and work. You will run the animation to do the same (**position is given in meters, time is given in seconds, and temperature is given in degrees Celsius**). The temperature of the liquid is given by the thermometer shown. [Restart](#).

The dimension of the container that holds the blue liquid that you cannot see (into the screen) is 0.1 m. The density of the liquid is $13,600 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

- a. What is the volume of the liquid?

$$V = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- b. What is the mass of the liquid?

$$m = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- c. During the animation, what is the change in temperature of the liquid?

$$\Delta T = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- d. If it takes 33 calories to raise 1 kg of the liquid 1°C , how much heat goes into the liquid?

$$\text{Change in Thermal Energy} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- e. What is the change in kinetic energy of the falling red mass?

$$\Delta KE = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- f. What is the work done by gravity on the mass (in joules)?

$$\text{Work}_{\text{gravity}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- g. The work in (f) goes into frictional heating of the liquid (as the paddles turn through the liquid). Therefore, how many calories are equal to 1 Joule?

$$1 \text{ Joule} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ calories}$$