Mechanics 2

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Word	Example
kinetic energy /kɪˈnetɪk ˈenədʒi/	A fast car has a lot of **kinetic energy**.
potential energy /pəˈtenʃl ˈenədʒi/	Raising the box increases its gravitational **potential energy**.
integration /ˌɪntɪˈgreɪʃn/	**Integration** is the reverse of differentiation.
projectile /prəˈdʒektaɪl/	A thrown ball is a **projectile**.
trajectory /trəˈdʒektəri/	The ball's **trajectory** is a curve.
centre of mass /ˈsentə ɒv mæs/	The **centre of mass** of a ruler is in its middle.
wire framework /ˈwaɪə ˈfreɪmwɜːk/	A **wire framework** is a shape made of thin wires.
work done /wɜːk dʌn/	**Work done** is force times distance moved.
work-energy principle /wɜːk ˈenədʒi ˈprɪnsɪpl/	The **work-energy principle** says work done equals the change in kinetic energy.
conservation of mechanical energy /ˌkɒnsəˈveɪʃn ɒv mɪˈkænɪkl ˈenədʒi/	With no friction, **conservation of mechanical energy** applies.
power /ˈpaʊə/	A 60 W lamp has a **power** of 60 watts. 60 W 60
coefficient of restitution /ˌkəʊɪˈfɪʃənt ɒv rɪstɪˈtjuːʃn/	Find the **coefficient of restitution** from approach and separation speeds.
rigid body /ˈrɪdʒɪd ˈbɒdi/	A wheel can be treated as a **rigid body**.

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moment /ˈməʊmənt/	A long spanner gives a larger **moment**.
normal reaction /ˈnɔːml rɪˈækʃn/	The **normal reaction** pushes up on a box sitting on a table.
friction /ˈfrɪkʃn/	**Friction** between the tyres and the road stops the car sliding.
limiting equilibrium /ˈlɪmɪtɪŋ ˌiːkwɪˈlɪbrɪəm/	In **limiting equilibrium**, the box is just about to slide.

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