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Derive an expression for obtain the kinetic energy of an object.

Let us consider an object whose mass is 'm, moving with a uniform velocity u. When a constant force F applied on a body and the body displace through s in the direction of applied force.

We know that work done = Force \times displacement

$$W = F \times s \text{ ----(i)}$$

The work done on the object will cause change in velocity u to v. and a be the acceleration produced

We know that from the 3rd equation of motion

$$v^2 - u^2 = 2as$$

$$\text{Therefore } s = (v^2 - u^2) / 2a \text{. --- (ii)}$$

We know that $F = ma$ ---(-III)

Put the value of F and s in equation (I) $W = F \times s$

$$W = ma \times (v^2 - u^2) / 2a$$

$$\text{So, } W = 1/2 m(v^2 - u^2)$$

If the object is starting from its stationary position that is $u = 0$

$$W = 1/2 mv^2$$

Work done is equal to the change in the kinetic energy of an object.

Thus the kinetic energy possessed by an object of mass m and moving with a uniform velocity v is K. $E = 1/2 mv^2$.