## NEWTON'S 2<sup>ND</sup> LAW & WORK-ENERGY Units 10,11,6,&7

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## The ExoMars Spacecraft Approaches the Red Planet





<mark>Schiaparelli lander</mark> Trace Gas Orbiter European Space Agency/ATG Medialat **INTRODUCTION:** Oct. 19, 2016, Europe's Schiaparelli lander (m = 600 kg.) will enter Martian atmosphere 5 min. 53 seconds prior to landing on Mars. It's initial speed will be 21,000 km./hr.(v<sub>1</sub>) at a altitude of 121 km.(h<sub>1</sub>). At 3 min. 21 seconds before landing the Lander will be 11 km. above Martian surface slowed down to 1700 km./ hr.(v<sub>2</sub>) by atmospheric friction.

**QUESTIONS:** (a) Convert  $v_1 \& v_2$  to m./s. ? (b) Find initial kinetic energy (K<sub>1</sub>) and final kinetic energy (K<sub>2</sub>) of the lander ?, (c) Find initial gravitational potential energy (U<sub>1</sub>) and final gravitational potential energy (U<sub>2</sub>) of the lander? **CONTINUED BELOW** 

The ExoMars spacecraft has two components: the solar-powered Trace Gas Orbiter and <mark>the Schiaparelli</mark> lander. The lander will carve through the atmosphere, release its parachute, separate from its outer shell and fire thrusters as it falls to the surface. ESA



**QUESTIONS(CON.)**: (d) Find work done by atmospheric friction while slowing down the lander capsule? Use work-energy concepts ( $W = \Delta K + \Delta U$ ). (e) Find time in seconds between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ?, (f) Find average velocity between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ?, (g) Find distance traveled (x) between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ? (h) Find atmospheric friction force(f) on Lander?, (i) Find rate of deceleration between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ?, (j) Knowing mass m = 600 kg. of lander, find frictional force (f)\_using Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law .....F<sub>NET</sub> = m a ? (k) Comment of frictional force (f) computation by work-energy vs. F<sub>NET</sub> = m a ?

HINTS: 0.2777 m./s = km./hr. , K = ½ m v<sup>2</sup> , U = m g h , g(Martian) = 3.711 m./s.<sup>2</sup> , W = f x , v<sub>AVE</sub> = ( v<sub>1</sub> + v<sub>2</sub>)/2 X = v<sub>AVE</sub> t ,

ANSWERS: (a)  $v_1 = 5833.33 \text{ m./s.}$ ,  $v_2 = 472.22 \text{ m./s.}$ , (b)  $K_1 = 10.208 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$ ,  $K_2 = 0.0669 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$ , (c)  $U_1 = 0.269 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$ ,  $U_2 = 0.0245 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$ , (d)  $W = -10.3856 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$ , (e) 201 s., (f)  $v_{AVE} = 6,069.44 \text{ ft./s.}$ , (g)  $x = 0.633715 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$  (h) f = -16,388.44 N, (i)  $a = -26.67 \text{ m./s.}^2$ , (j) f = -16,002 N, (k) f is close in each case. (j) a bit low due to small Martian Gravitational force component in slightly below horizontal direction not considered in  $F_{NET} = m a$ .