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A lorry is travelling at a **steady speed** down a hill, as shown in the below diagram.



The total resistive force (from both friction and air resistance) acting on the lorry is 20 kN, and its mass is 10,000 kg.



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Show that the lorry does 400 kJ of work against the resistive forces which are acting on it on this section of hill.

W = F × s = 20,000 × 20 = 400,000 J = 400 kJ

Calculate the weight of the lorry. Take g = 9.8 N/kg.

Weight = m × g = 10,000 × 9.8 = <u>98,000 N</u>

Calculate the amount of work done on the lorry by gravity. Write your answer in kilojoules.

W = F × s = 98,000 × 5 = 490,000 J = 490 kJ

OR E_p = m g h = 10,000 × 9.8 × 5 = 490 kJ



Hence calculate the amount of energy which is transferred to the internal energy store of the brakes as the lorry travels down this section of hill.

In this question, we know that, because the lorry is travelling at a *steady speed*, its *kinetic energy* isn't changing. This allows us to write the following equation:

- Amount of work done ON lorry = amount of work done BY lorry
- Work done by gravity = work done against resistive forces + energy transferred to internal energy in brakes

490 kJ = 400 kJ + kinetic energy transferred to internal energy in brakes Kinetic energy transferred to internal energy in brakes = 90 kJ