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# The Horsepower Lab and Problems

## The Horsepower Mini Lab

The world's strongest man can work at a horsepower of \_\_\_\_\_ 5.84 hp (for a few seconds)\_

Working in groups of 2 or 3, choose any 3 activities from the following list:

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| lift a weight                    | jump rope                                |
| Running up/down flight of stairs | step aerobics (up and down 1 stair)      |
| sit-ups                          | push-ups (on your knees or regular ones) |
| climb stairs                     | jumping jacks                            |

**Data:** \*\*\*YOU MUST SHOW YOUR WORK IN THE BOXES OR YOU WILL LOSE POINTS!\*\*\*

Do each activity for one minute. Record the force, the distance and the time required below.

After you finish with the activities, complete the calculations and answer the questions.

Activity-	#1- <u>lift 5 lb weight</u>	#2- <u>jump rope</u>
<b>Time</b> (total) (sec)	60 sec	60 sec
<b>Distance</b> (total) (Use total distance covered)	72 m	45 m
<b>Force</b> (total) $F = m \times a$	Use mass of weight in kg, $a = -9.8$	Use your mass in kg, $a = -9.8$

Now calculate the work and the power needed for each of the above activities. Show your work!

<b>Work</b> $W = F \times d$		
<b>Power</b> $P = W/\Delta t$ Or $P = F \times d / \Delta t$		
<b>Your horsepower:</b>		

James Watt came up with a calculation of horsepower by watching a horse pull a grinder around a circle. He found it to be 33,000  $\frac{\text{lb} \times \text{ft}}{\text{min}}$ . Change this to our units of watts ( $\frac{\text{N} \times \text{m}}{\text{sec}}$ ) using dimensional analysis. (1 N = 0.225 lb)