06-01 Power of a Pushup Lab

Objectives

• Find the power of a student when doing pushups.

Materials

- Stopwatch
- Meter stick

Procedure

- Choose a group member to do pushups. They need to know their weight. Convert their weight to mass in kg. m = _____ kg
- 2. A person lifts approximately 65% of their mass when doing a pushup. How much mass will your group member be lifting? *m* = _____ kg
- 3. Measure the height of their shoulders at the lowest part of a pushup. *h*1 = _____ m
- 4. Measure the height of their shoulders at the highest part of a pushup. *h*2 = _____ m
- 5. What distance do the shoulders move during a pushup (just going up)? *x* = _____ m
- 6. How much work is done for one pushup? ______ J
- 7. How much work is done for 10 pushups? _____ J
- 8. Time how long it takes your group member to do 10 pushups. *t* = ______ s
- 9. Calculate the power of doing 10 pushups by your group member. *P* = _____ W
- 10. Compare your result with other groups.