

1. A small marble is sliding horizontally along the ground with a speed of 4.0 m/s. It approaches a ramp, slides up it, and eventually comes to a stop before sliding back down the ramp. The friction between the marble and the ground is too small to make a difference to this problem.



- a. It helps to have a “feel” for how fast this marble is going. Convert the speed to miles per hour (MPH). [Curricular items 1a & 1b / 2 points]
- b. The marble is made from glass with a density of  $2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As you know, objects with density greater than water density ( $1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) will sink in water. Would this marble sink in water? Answer by converting the marble’s density to units appropriate for comparison with water. [Curricular items 1a & 1c / 2 points]
- c. What final height does the marble reach? (Show your work – remember that the highest grades are given to students who write a solution that can be understood by *everyone* in the class.) [Curricular item 5d / 6 points]

2. The Earth is moving through space due to its orbit around the Sun with an average speed of 29.7 km/s. Calculate the kinetic energy of the Earth. (You may need to refer to your equation sheet for this problem.) [Curricular items 1a, 1b & 5b / 2 points]
3. The radius of Mars is only half the radius of the Earth. So you might think there'd be less "real estate" available on Mars. However, 70% of the Earth's surface is covered with water. So: which planet has more *land area*? Justify your answer with a calculation or carefully written argument. (Note: surface area is calculated using the formula  $SA = 4\pi R^2$  – this formula is available on your equation sheet.) [Curricular item 1c / 3 points]
4. The Olympic gold medal in women's diving this year went to Chen Ruolin. The diving board was 10.0 m above the surface of the water. Assume Chen Ruolin began by launching off the board with a speed of 3.0 m/s. At what speed did she hit the water? *Please include an energy bar graph in your solution.* [Curricular items 5a & 5d / 5 points]

