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**Electric Potential Difference**

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**MPF Connection:** Electric Circuits, sublevels 2 and parts of 3

**Review:**

1. Electric field is defined as the area about the space surrounding a charged object which exerts an electrical influence upon other charged objects in that space. The direction of the electric field vector is defined as the direction which a positive test charge would be accelerated. Potential energy is the energy stored in an object due to the position of that object.

**A Gravitational Analogy**

2. Two diagrams are shown at the right.  
In diagram A, a mass is held at an elevated position. When let go of, the mass falls from point A to point B.  
In diagram B, the mass is originally at point A and a person moves it back up to point B.  
For each diagram, indicate if work is done by a non-conservative force in moving the object from its initial position (point A) to its position at point B. Finally, indicate the position of greater gravitational potential energy.  
Circle the answers in the space below the diagrams.

Work done on mass: _____	Work done on mass: _____
Yes or No?	Yes or No?
Higher PE: A or B	Higher PE: A or B

3. The following diagrams show an electric field and two points - labeled A and B - located within the electric field. A positive test charge is shown at point A. For each diagram, indicate whether work must be done upon the charge to move it from point A to point B. Finally, indicate the point (A or B) with the greatest electric potential energy and the greatest electric potential (PE) charge?  
  
Work done on test charge? Yes or No  
Potential energy is greatest at: A B  
Electric potential is greatest at: A B  
  
Work done on test charge? Yes or No  
Potential energy is greatest at: A B  
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