

**Answer on Question#37802 -Physics – Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics**

A pendulum bob is released from some initial height such as the speed of the bob at the bottom of the swing is 1.0 m/s. What is the initial height of the bob? Answer in units of m

**Solution:**

We can use conservation on Energy equation:

$$W_{\text{top}} = W_{\text{bottom}}$$

So for any increase in KE, there is an equal decrease in PE.

At the initial height all the energy is PE since the mass isn't moving ( $W_{\text{KE}} = 0$ ). At the bottom of the swing, where  $v = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ , the energy is all converted to KE ( $W_{\text{PE}} = 0$ ).

$$mgh = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$
$$h = \frac{v^2}{2g} = \frac{\left(1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2}{2 \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} = 51 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}$$

**Answer:** height of the bob is  $51 \times 10^{-3} \text{m}$ .