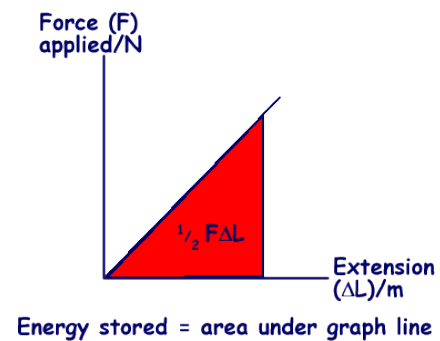
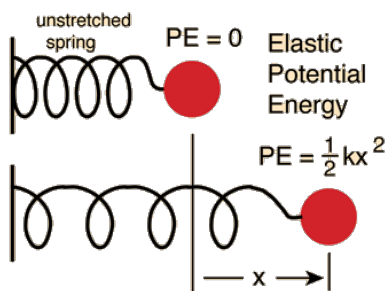


## Energy in springs

The energy stored in a spring is called Elastic Energy

**Elastic Energy** =  $\frac{1}{2} kx^2$ , where  $k$  is a constant called the spring constant and  $x$  is the extension of the spring.



- 1) What happens to the energy stored in a spring when you double the extension?
- 2) A spring has a spring constant  $k=0.5 \text{ J/m}^2$ . What is the energy stored when it is stretched by  $0.3\text{m}$ ?
- 3) A spring has a spring constant of  $15 \text{ J/m}^2$ . What energy is stored when it is stretched by  $0.03\text{m}$ ?
- 4) A spring ( $k=0.05 \text{ J/m}^2$ ) is stretched and stored  $15\text{J}$  of energy. How far was it stretched?
- 5) If the spring in question 4 is used to propel a  $0.1\text{kg}$  mass into the air, how high will it reach?