

POWER is the rate at which work happens, which means

capital  $P \rightarrow$   $P = \frac{dW}{dt}$

The units of power are called "Watts" where

$$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s}$$

It is usually easiest to think of power in terms of its units:

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{time}}$$

Your book does have a secondary equation for power.

Since the definition of work is

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$$

then  $dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$

So that  $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}}{dt}$

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

This is useful on one of the homework questions. Think of it as the instantaneous power of the force  $F$  when the object being pushed has a velocity of  $v$ .