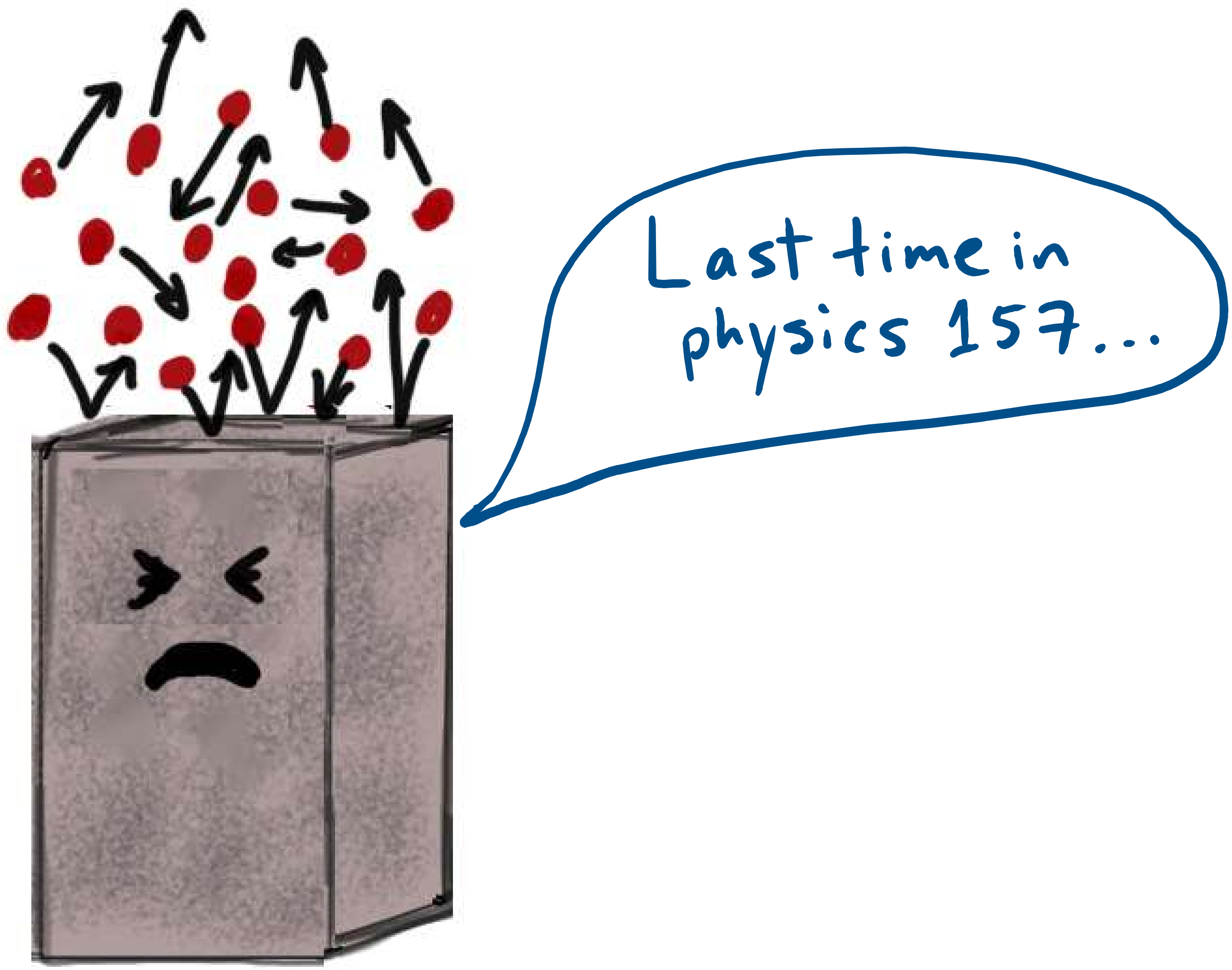
Learning goals

- Use the ideal gas law to provide a qualitative explanation for processes where gases move other parts of a system through mechanical forces
- Calculate the change in energy of a gas in situations where heat is transferred to a gas, but the gas also does work on its surroundings
- Explain why the first law of thermodynamics follows from the conservation of energy
- Relate the work done by a system to the force exerted by that system and the displacement caused by that force.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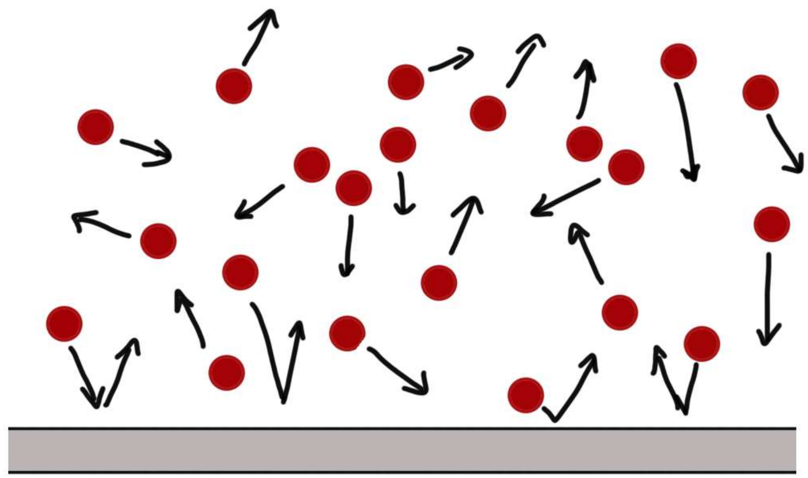


Force per area

density = # per volume

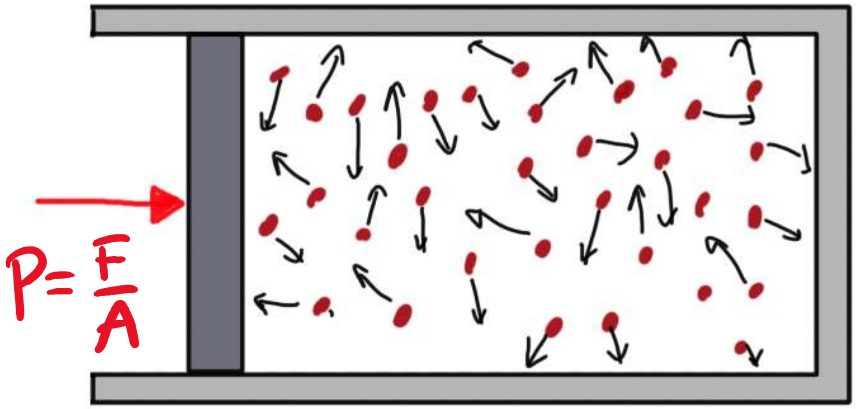
$$P = \text{const} \cdot \frac{N}{V} \cdot m \cdot v_{avg}^2$$

Avg. kinetic energy per molecule

$m \cdot v_{avg}^2$ ↓ const × T

Avg. kinetic energy per molecule ↓ proportional to TEMPERATURE

Ideal Gas Law



molecular density

avg. kinetic energy per molecule

$$P = \text{const} \cdot \frac{N}{V} \cdot E^{kin}_{avg}$$

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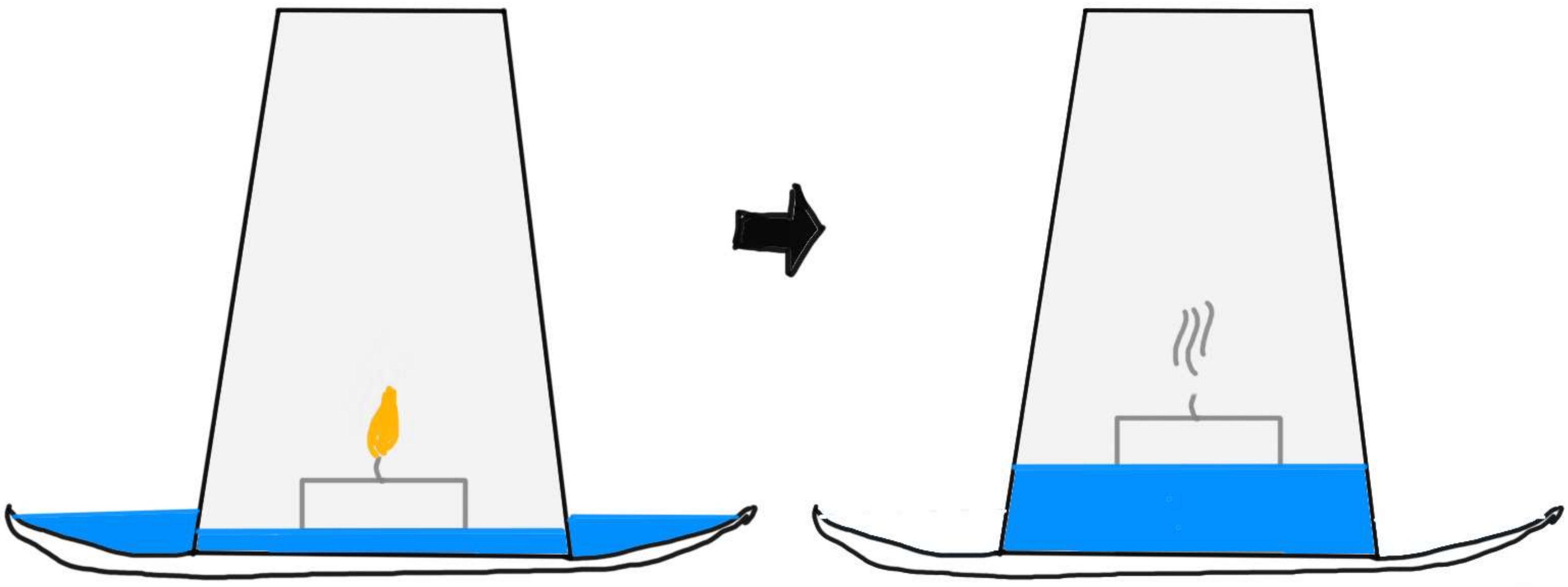
$$PV = n \cdot R \cdot T$$

\# moles

$8.31 \frac{J}{mol \cdot K}$

Tells us how much force a gas exerts on the wall



Why?

Hint: $PV = nRT$

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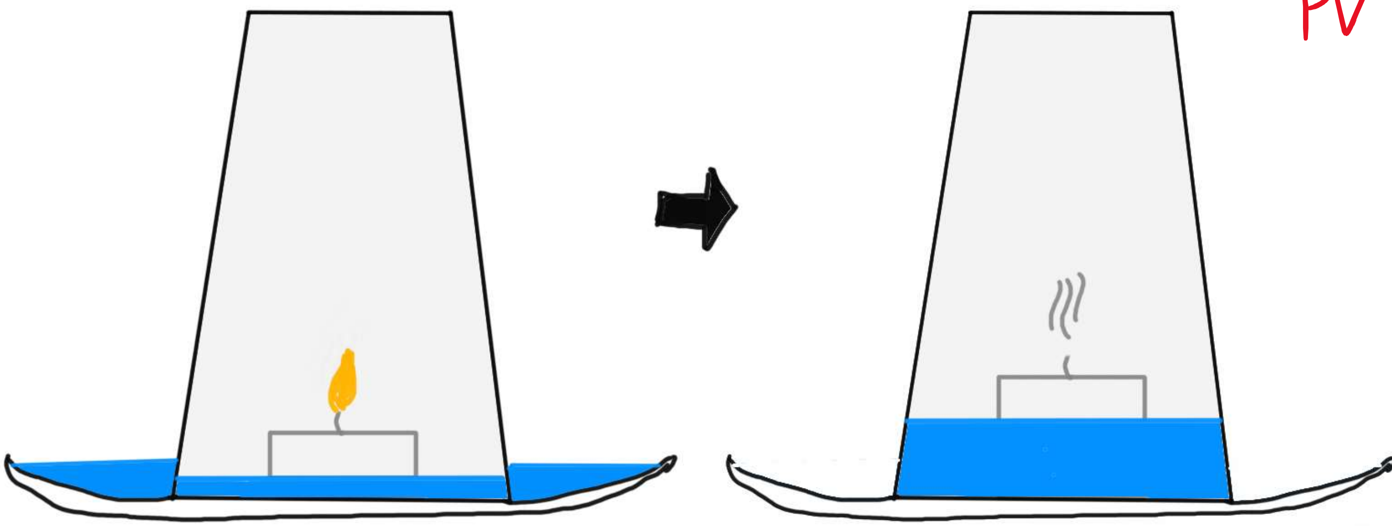

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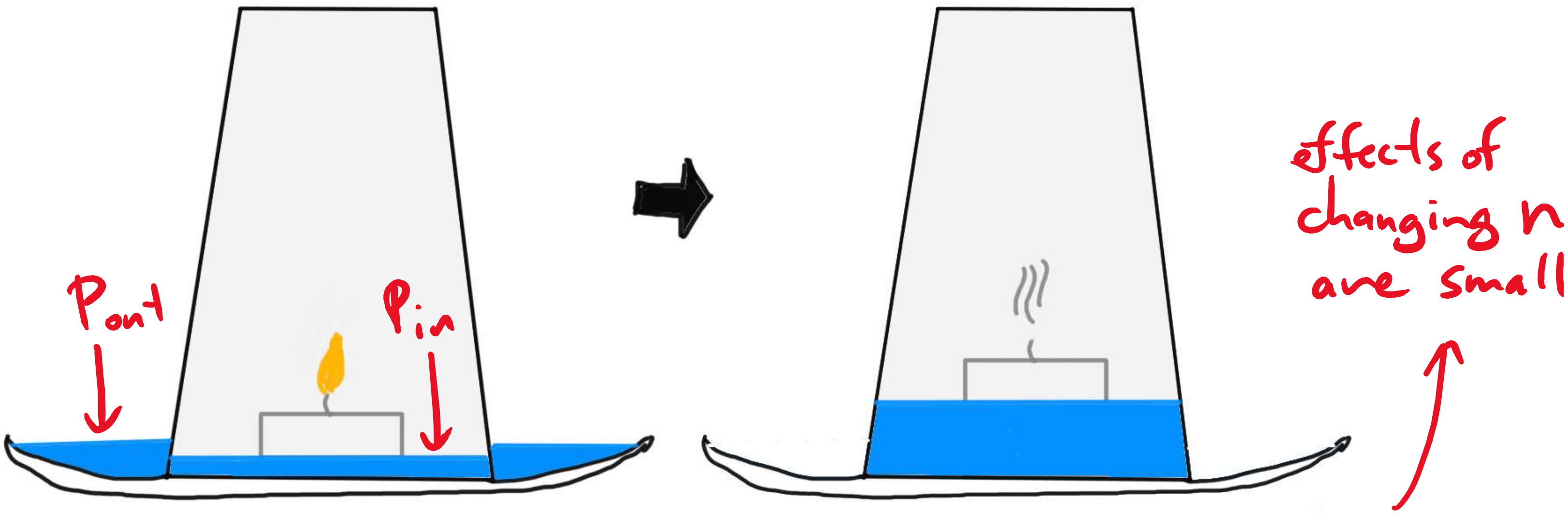
E) $T\downarrow$ so $P\downarrow$



Note: O_2 is being consumed, but it's being replaced by other molecules (CO_2, H_2O)

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Flame extinguishes → temperature drops → pressure inside decreases → water is pushed into cup, since outside pressure is higher

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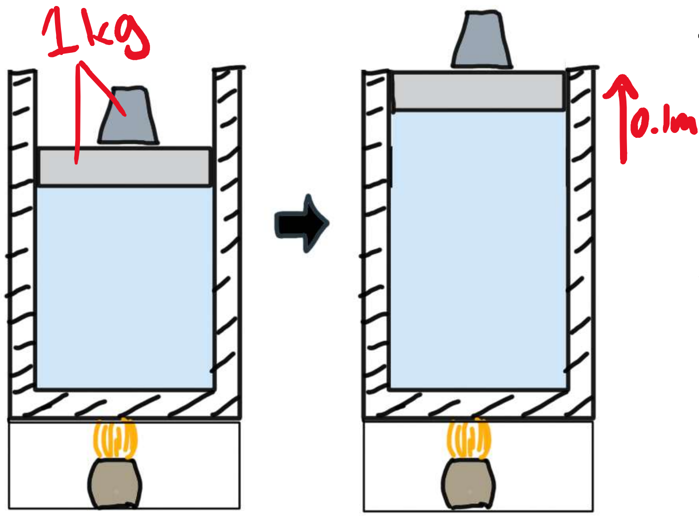

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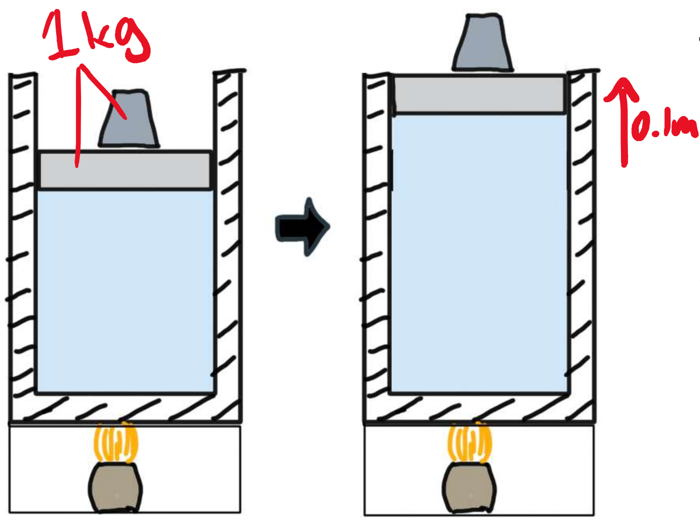

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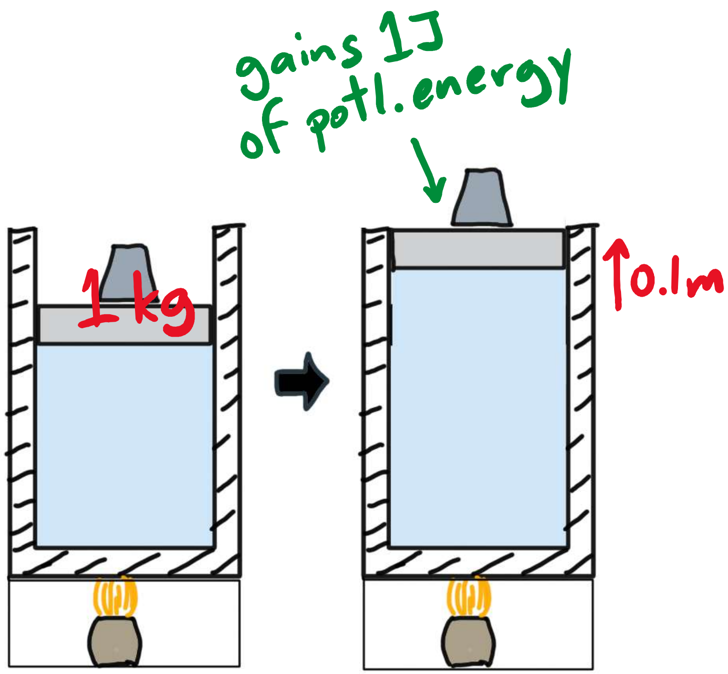
Change in potl. energy of weight + piston is $mg\Delta h \approx 1 \cdot 10 \cdot 0.1 = 1J$. This energy must come from the gas. So we have 10J in but 1J out leaving a change of +9J.

WORK = energy transferred by a mechanical process



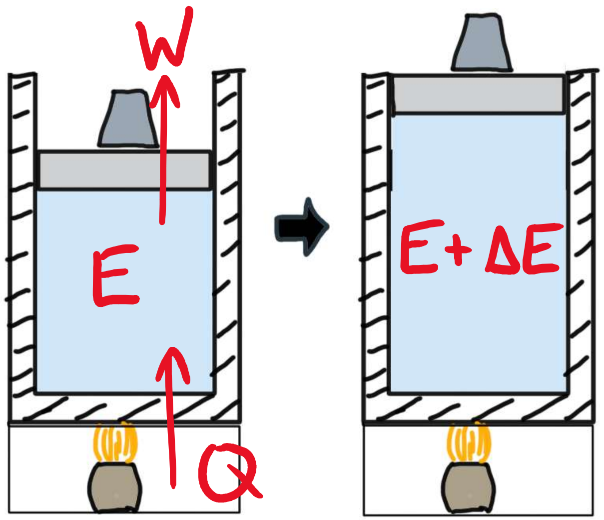
The gas did ~1 J of work on the piston.

$$W_{gas} = 1\,J$$

↑ work done BY the gas

The First Law of Thermodynamics

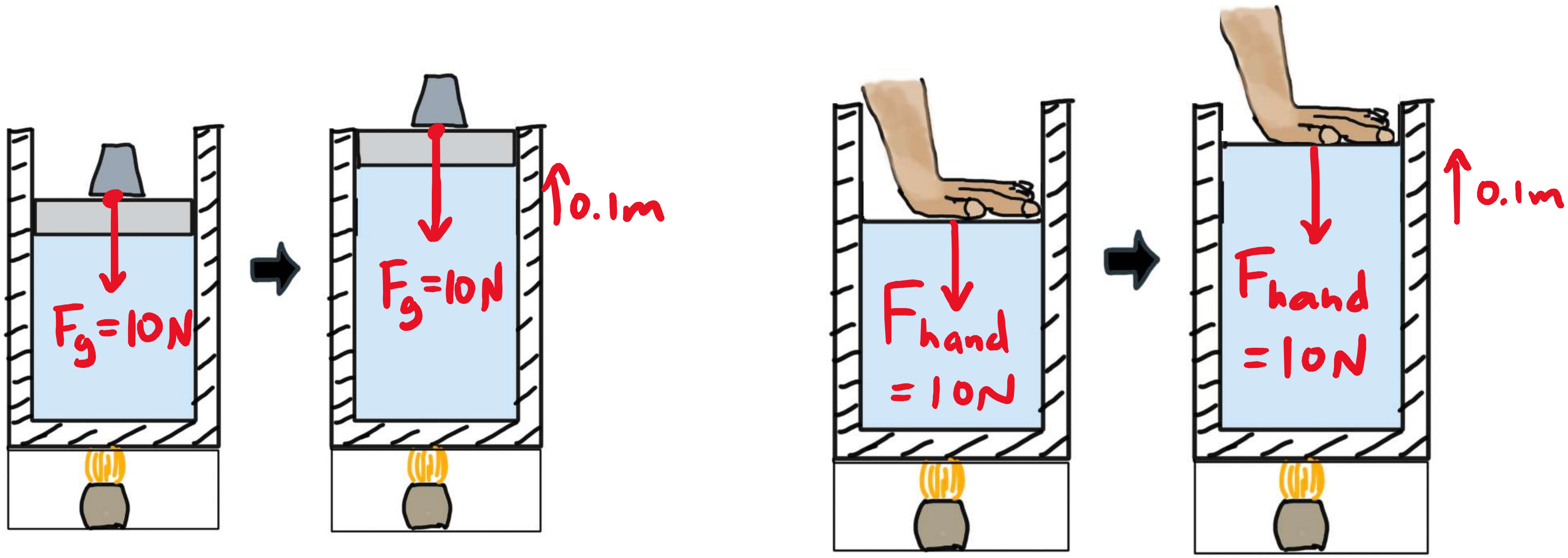
= Conservation of energy



$$\Delta E_{gas} = Q - W$$

- ΔE_{gas}: net change in energy of gas
- Q: heat added to gas
- W: work done by gas

★ E_{gas} is often called U ★



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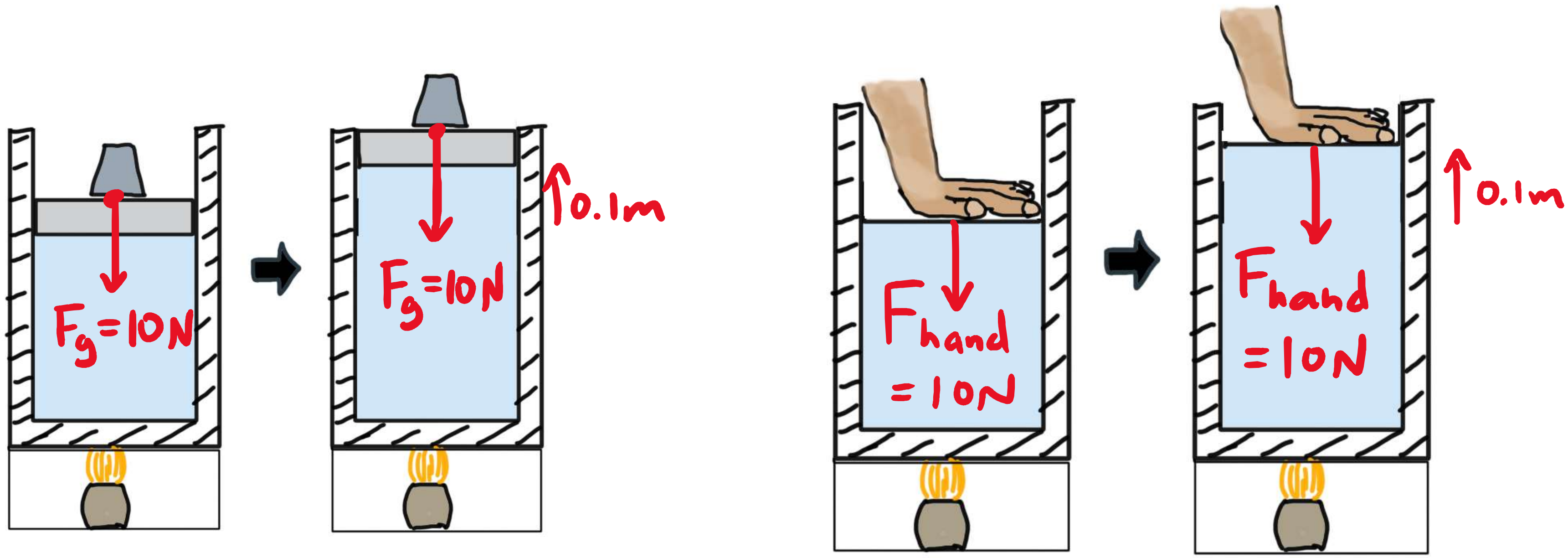

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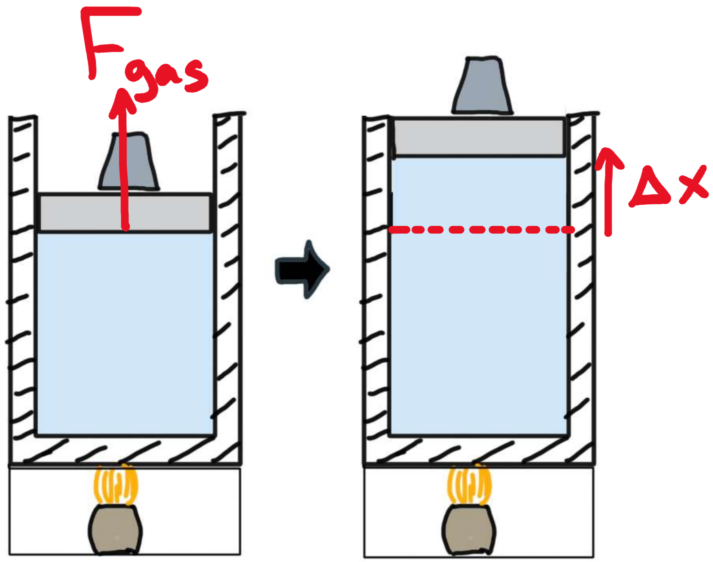
Gas can't tell what is pushing down. Exactly the same situation from the point of view of the gas, so same energy lost via work.



First example:

$$W = (mg) \cdot \Delta x$$
$$= F_{gas} \cdot \Delta x$$

This is ALWAYS the work done by the gas, regardless of what it is pressing against.

$$W = F \cdot \Delta x_{\parallel}$$ (constant force)

Force exerted by gas → F

displacement in direction of force → $\Delta x_{\parallel}$

general expression for work.