

Ex.

A football player and a figure skater head to the gym. The figure skater gets on the bench press and lifts a 50 kg (110 lb) bar over a distance of 0.6 m, at a constant velocity, in one continuous motion. The football player stands next to her holding a 200 kg (440 lb) bar stationary over his head.

**** Which person exerted the greater force?**

Since $a = 0$ in both cases, $\sum F_y = F - W = 0 \rightarrow F = \text{Weight}$

FS: $F = mg = (50 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$
 $= 490 \text{ N}$

FP: $F = mg = (200 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$
 $= 1960 \text{ N}$

The football player has exerted the greater force.

**** Which person did the most Work?**

FS: $W = Fd = (490 \text{ N})(0.6 \text{ m})$
 $= 294 \text{ J}$

FP: $W = Fd = (1960 \text{ N})(0 \text{ m})$
 $= 0 \text{ J}$ *No Work Done !!!*

The figure skater did the most work.

**** If there is no change in position ($d = 0$) or there is no net force ($F = 0$), there is no work done ($W = 0$)!**

(Work is **NOT** a measure of exertion!!!)