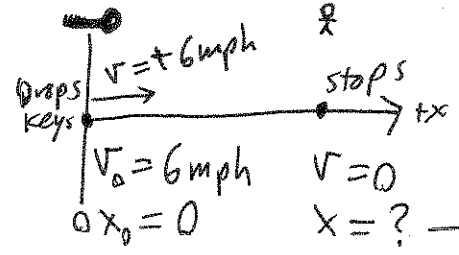


Draw it // Ax is it!



$v_0 = 6 \text{ mph}$ $v = 0$
 $x_0 = 0$ $x = ? \rightarrow x - x_0 = \Delta x$ seems to be what's being asked.
 $t_0 = 0$ $t = 2 \text{ s}$
 $a = ?$ $a = ? \rightarrow$ acceleration is not really specified here

Knowns: v, v_0, t

Initial velocity $v_0 = +6 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}$
 Time from key drop until stopping $t = 2 \text{ s}$

convert to SI units: $6 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \cdot \frac{1609 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ mi}}$
 final velocity $= 2.68 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
 $v = 0 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}}$

Unknowns:

a (acceleration while coming to rest) — not what's asked for in the question
 Δx (distance covered while stopping) — this is what's asked for in the question.

Where to go from here?? Let's check our equations of motion...

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

Hmm, There seem to be none with only Δx not known, BUT, you'll notice that the first equation lets us solve for a . And if we know a , we'll have enough info to solve one of the other equations for Δx ! So LET'S DO IT!

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$0 \frac{m}{s} = 2.68 \frac{m}{s} + a \cdot 2s$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \cdot (-2.68 \frac{m}{s}) = a \cdot 2s \cdot \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\boxed{-1.34 \frac{m}{s^2} = a}$$

So now, our knowns are $v, v_0, t,$ and a . We can now use either of the other equations of motions to solve for Δx ! Both now have Δx as the only unknown. I'll show both solved below... I'll leave out the units because I know everything is in S.I units...

Using $\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$:

$$\Delta x = 2.68 \times 2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (-1.34) (2)^2$$

$$\Delta x = 5.36 + \frac{1}{2} \times (-1.34) \times 4$$

$$\Delta x = 5.36 + (-2.68)$$

$$\Delta x = 5.36 - 2.68$$

$$\boxed{\Delta x = 2.68 \text{ meters.}}$$

Using $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$:

$$0^2 = (2.68)^2 + 2(-1.34)(\Delta x)$$

$$0 = 7.18 + (-2.68)\Delta x$$

$$(-2.68)\Delta x = -7.18$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{-7.18}{-2.68}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta x = 2.68 \text{ meters}}$$

Either equation would have worked!

We now know how much she would have had to walk back: 2.68 meters