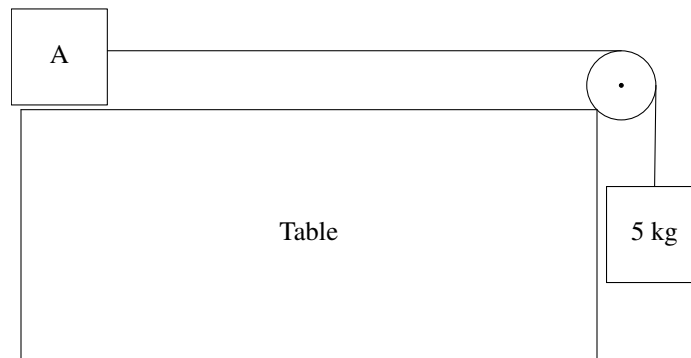
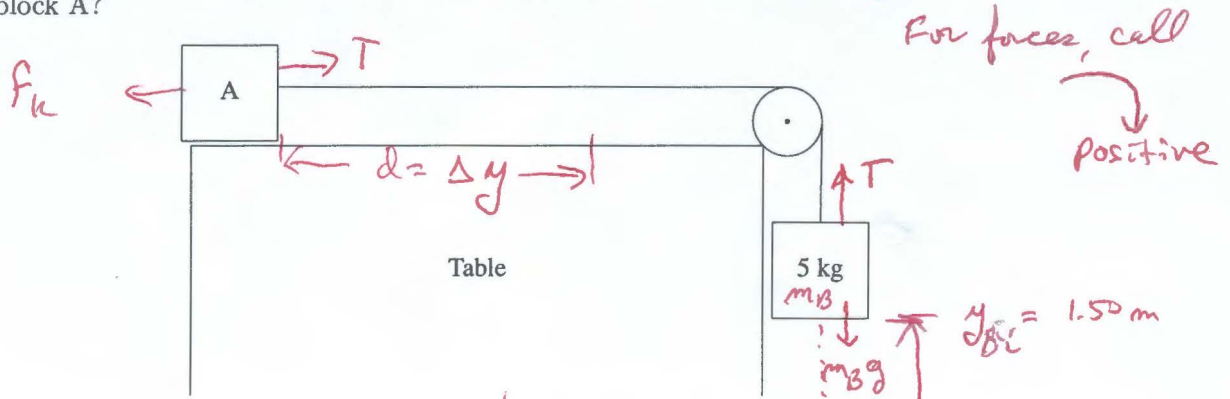


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Using Energy

$$E_i + W_{nc} = E_f$$

$$K_i + U_i - f_k d = K_f + U_f$$

$$0 + m_B g y_{Bi} - \mu_k m_A g (\Delta y) = \frac{1}{2} (m_A + m_B) v_f^2 + m_B g y_{Bf}$$

$$m_B g (y_{Bi} - y_{Bf}) - \frac{1}{2} m_B v_f^2 =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_A v_f^2 + \mu_k m_A g \Delta y$$

$$m_A = m_B \frac{g (y_{Bi} - y_{Bf}) - \frac{1}{2} v_f^2}{\frac{1}{2} v_f^2 + \mu_k g d}$$

$$m_A = \boxed{6.00 \text{ kg}}$$

Using Forces

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$

find a: $v_f^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(\Delta y)$

call down positive for block B

$$(2.924)^2 = 2a(1.50) \Rightarrow$$

$$a = 2.85 \text{ m/s}^2$$

2. Look at block B. call down positive

$$m_B g - T = m_B a$$

$$T = m_B (g - a) = 34.75 \text{ N}$$

3. Look at block A =

$$T - f_k = m_A a$$

$$T - \mu_k m_A g = m_A a$$

$$m_A = \frac{T}{a + \mu_k g} = \boxed{6.00 \text{ kg}}$$