

89. (a) Circular motion requires that the force in Newton's second law provide the necessary centripetal acceleration:

$$\frac{GmM}{r^2} = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

which is identical to Eq. 14-39 in the textbook. Since the left-hand side of this equation is the force given as 80 N, then we can solve for the combination mv^2 by multiplying both sides by $r = 2.0 \times 10^7$ m. Thus, $mv^2 = (2.0 \times 10^7) (80) = 1.6 \times 10^9$ J. Therefore,

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1.6 \times 10^9) = 8.0 \times 10^8 \text{ J} .$$

- (b) Since the gravitational force is inversely proportional to the square of the radius, then

$$\frac{F'}{F} = \left(\frac{r}{r'} \right)^2 .$$

Thus, $F' = (80)(2/3)^2 = 36$ N.