

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. A disturbance that transfers energy from place to place is called a
a. wave. c. vibration.
b. medium. d. compression.

2. The material through which a wave travels is called a
a. vibration. c. crest.
b. medium. d. trough.

3. Waves are created when a source of energy causes a medium to
a. move. c. expand.
b. compress. d. vibrate.

4. Waves are classified according to
a. their size. c. how they move.
b. their shape. d. their source.

5. Waves that move the particles of the medium parallel to the direction in which the waves are traveling are called
a. longitudinal waves. c. surface waves.
b. transverse waves. d. combination waves.

6. The maximum distance that the particles of a medium move from the rest position is the
a. amplitude of the wave. c. frequency of the wave.
b. wavelength of the wave. d. speed of the wave.

7. Frequency is measured in units called
a. amps. c. nodes.
b. hertz. d. antinodes.

8. When a wave hits a surface through which it CANNOT pass and bounces back, it undergoes
a. reflection. c. constructive interference.
b. refraction. d. destructive interference.

9. The bending of waves due to a change in speed is called
a. reflection. c. diffraction.
b. refraction. d. interference.

10. The bending of waves around the edge of a barrier is known as
a. reflection. c. diffraction.
b. refraction. d. interference.

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct terms to describe parts of a wave.

crest

wavelength

frequency

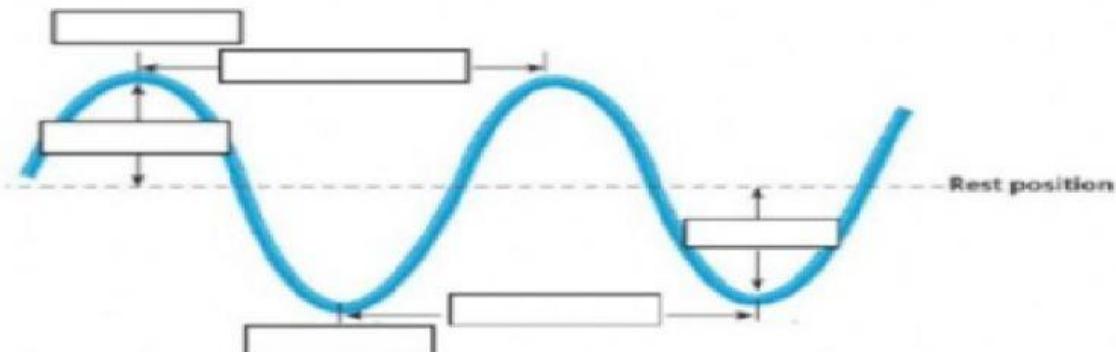
amplitude

trough

amplitude

Hertz

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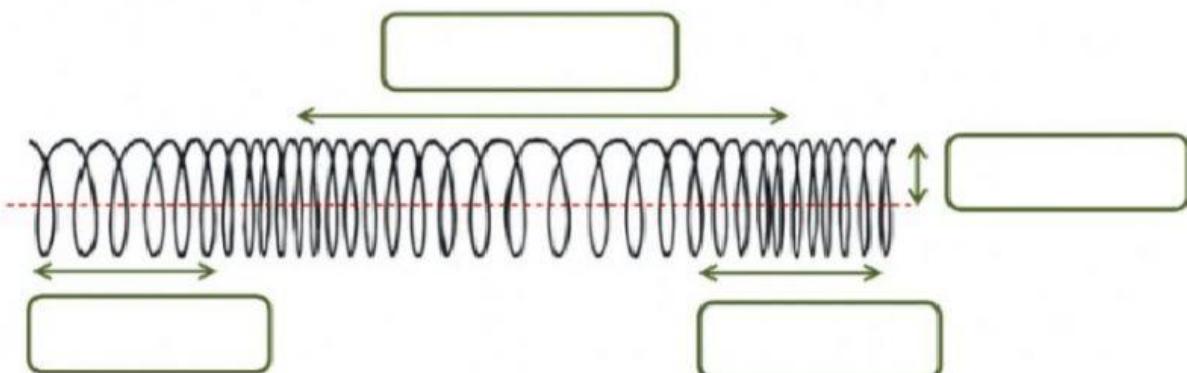


- are the highest points of a wave.
- are the lowest points of a wave.
- is the maximum displacement from the rest position. Its SI unit is the metre.
- (A) is the distance between two successive crests or two successive troughs.

How fast the waves are moving?

The number of complete waves / vibrations per second is known as (f).
The SI unit is Hz).

Use the words below the diagram to fill in the label boxes.



Amplitude

Wavelength

Rarefaction

Compression

Wave Properties Exercise

1. Short-wavelength waves have _____ energy than long-wavelength waves.
(more/less/same)
2. High-frequency waves have _____ energy than low-frequency waves.
(more/less/same)
3. Wave speed is equal to wavelength multiplied by _____.
4. The highest parts of a transverse wave are called _____.
5. The parts of a longitudinal wave where particles of the medium are closest together are called _____.
6. A disturbance in matter that transfers energy from place to place is called _____.
7. The part of a longitudinal wave where particles of the medium are spread farthest apart is the _____.
8. A wave in which particles of the medium vibrate at right angles to the direction that the wave travels is called _____.
9. The part of a transverse wave where particles of the medium are lowest is the _____.
10. A wave in which particles of the medium vibrate in the same direction that the wave travels is called _____.
11. The term for matter through which a mechanical wave travels: _____.
12. What is the speed of a wave that has a wavelength of 0.5 meters and a frequency of 2 waves per second? _____.
13. Assume that a wave has a fixed speed. If the frequency of the wave increases, its wavelength _____ (increases/decreases/stays the same).
14. When one wave passes a point every second, the frequency of the waves is _____ Hz.
15. The _____ of a transverse wave is the distance between a crest and the resting position.