



Essential Questions:

What do you already know about waves?

What knowledge of waves is important?

How do waves get classified?

What can we measure?

What can we calculate / predict?

Where should we start?



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What is a wave?

What is a WAVE?

A disturbance (vibration) that travels through a medium

A wave transmits ENERGY <u>not</u> the medium

Where should we start?

How do we classify waves?

What is a wave? How do we classify waves?

Read the Physics Classroom (PCR)

SKIM Waves: Lesson 1 a-c (5 min or less)

Record the most important info on white board (10-15 min)

AFTER notes are complete, use the *check your understanding* (CYU) questions on pages b and c to determine if your notes cover the basic info (10-15 min)

Do you remember?

Contrast mechanical waves with electromagnetic waves.

What is a medium? Give an example.

Name two categories of waves. Give an example of each.

Types of Mechanical Waves

Transverse: the medium oscillates perpendicular to the propagation of the wave



Longitudinal: the medium oscillates parallel to the propagation of the wave (ex: sound)



Surface: the medium oscillates in a circle – this is a combination of the other two types of waves

What's next?

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What are the features of waves?

What can we measure?

What are the features and measures?

Read the Physics Classroom (PCR) Waves: Lesson 2 a&b (5-10min)

Record information about wave FEATURES in notes (5-10 min)

Create a Word Web for the three NEW MEASUREMENTS (already have Period)

AFTER notes are complete, use the *check your understanding* (CYU) questions on pages a and b to determine if your notes cover the basic info (10-15 min)

Wave Features

medium: material that transports a mechanical wave

	_wave)	
trough: bottom (of a	wave)	
compression: medium is dens	e (wave)	
rarefaction: medium has low o	density (wave)	

Wave Measurements

 λ – wavelength: the distance from crest to crest (m)

T – period: the duration for a complete wave to pass a fixed position (s)

f – frequency: how many waves pass a given point each second (Hz)

A – Amplitude: the distance from the *equilibrium position* to a crest or trough



the distance from crest to crest or trough to trough

 λ : wavelength

SI unit: meter (m)

alternate units: cm, feet

Anatomy of a Wave



Anatomy of a wave





Waves and ENERGY

 Waves transmit energy. Which measurement is most closely linked to the amount of energy the wave transmits?

PHET Simulation

- If you are finished the assignment early, you will benefit by:
 - Googling PhET
 - Going to Physics Simulations
 - Choosing Sound & Waves
 - Selecting Wave Interference
 - Using the first tab (Water) to investigate what affects the wave measurements

PHET Simulation



What is the mathematical relationship between the...

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amplitude (m) of a wave and the energy (J) it transmits?

energy (J) in a wave and its amplitude (m)?

Energy vs Amplitude What is the relationship?

Amplitude (m)	Energy (J)
0.1	10
0.2	39
0.3	88
0.4	157
0.5	244

Conclusion

- For a wave, the ______ is(_____)proportional to the ______ (______)as shown by the equation:______
- This means if the _____ is ______ then the ______ will ______.
- For example...