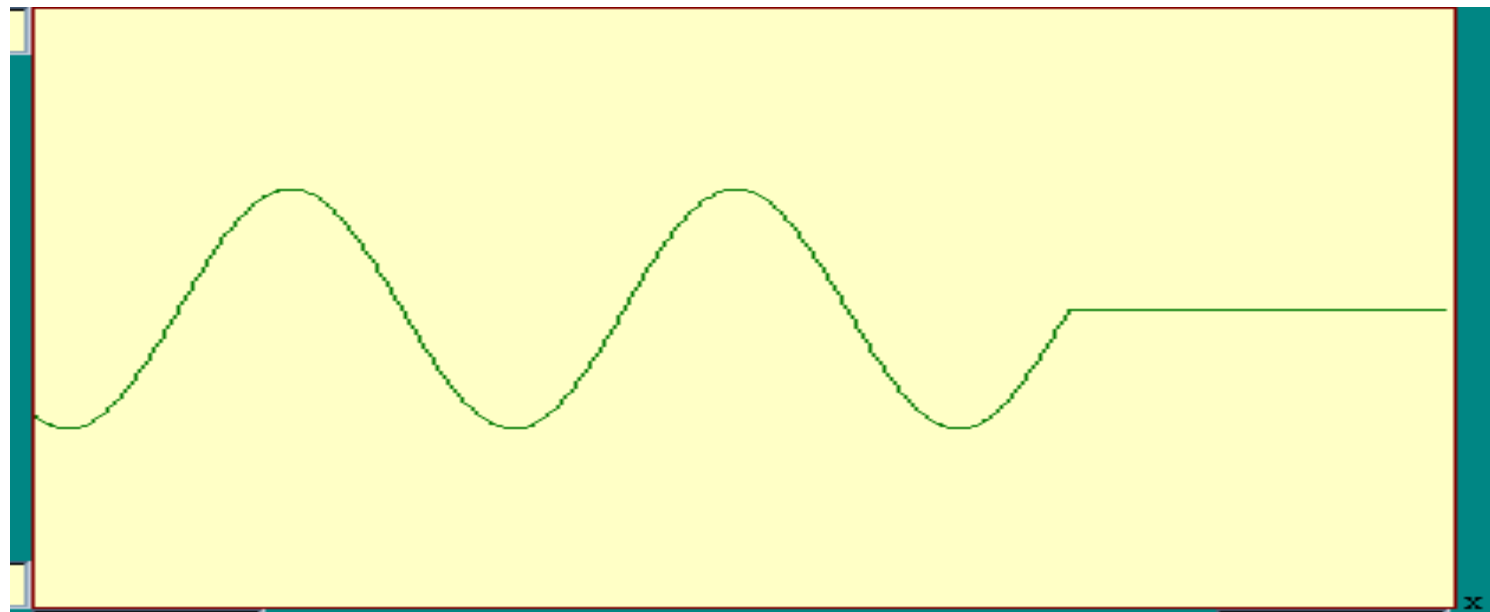


# Waves



# 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?



Where should we start?

What is a  
wave?

# What is a WAVE?

A disturbance (vibration) that travels through a medium

A wave transmits ENERGY not 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?

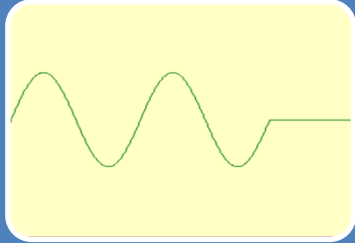
Contrast mechanical waves with electromagnetic waves.

What is a medium? Give an example.

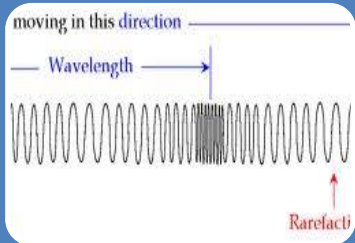
Name two categories of waves. Give an example of each.



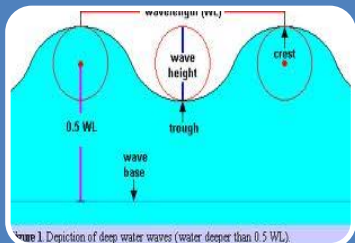
# Types of Mechanical Waves



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?


What's next?

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

crest: top (of a \_\_\_\_\_ wave)

trough: bottom (of a \_\_\_\_\_ wave)

compression: medium is dense (\_\_\_\_\_ wave)

rarefaction: medium has low density (\_\_\_\_\_ wave)

# Wave Measurements

$\lambda$  – 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

No formula to define

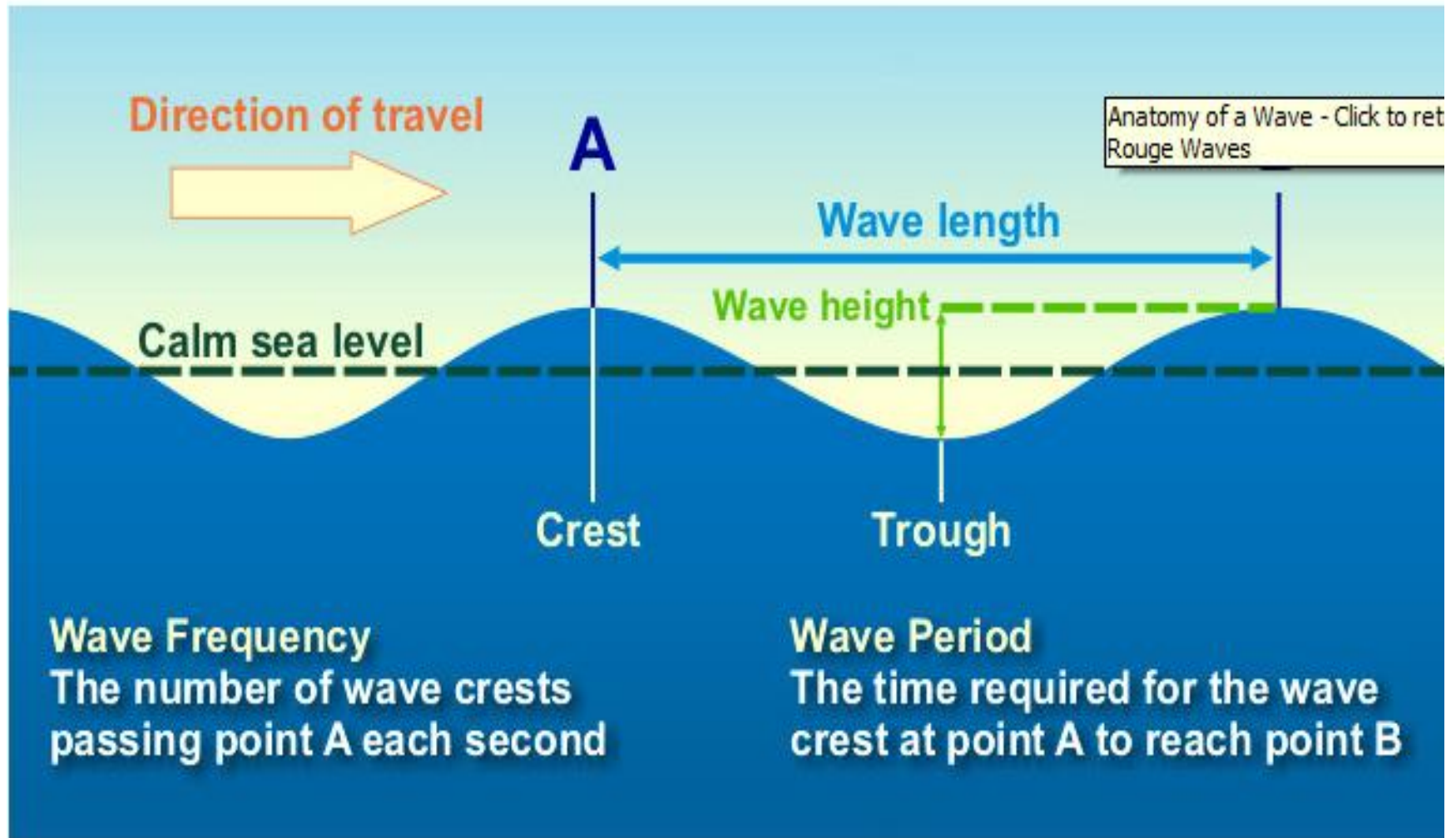
the distance from crest to  
crest or trough to trough

$\lambda$ : wavelength

SI unit: meter (m)

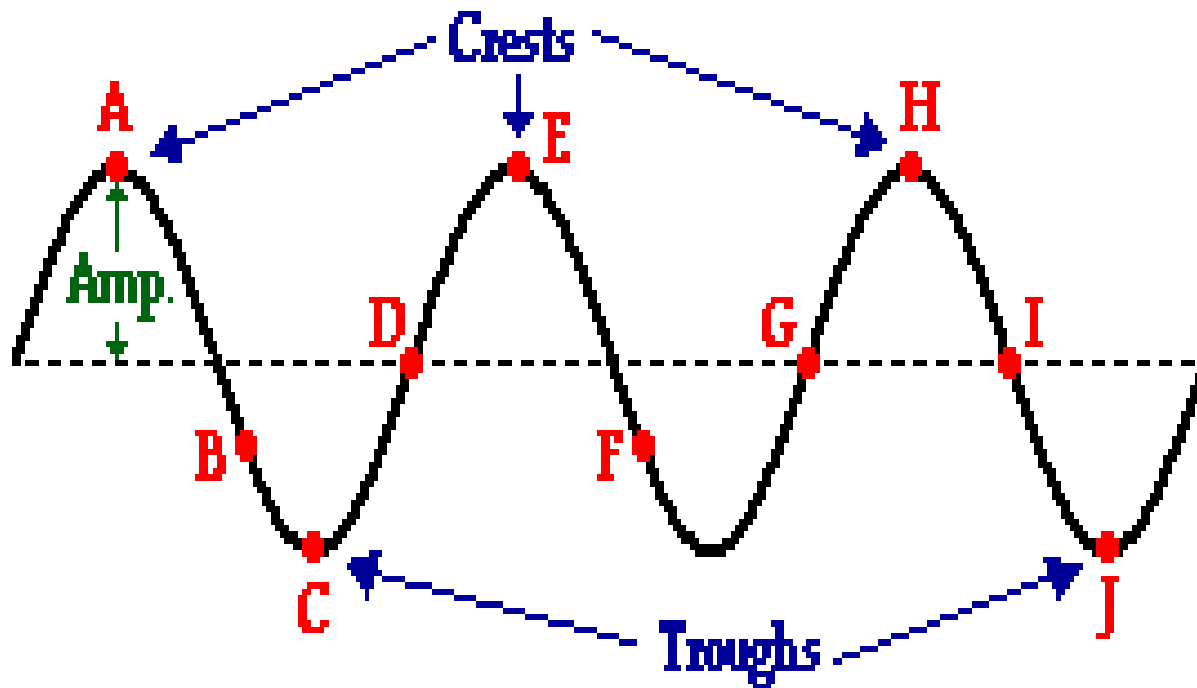
alternate units: cm, feet

# Anatomy of a Wave

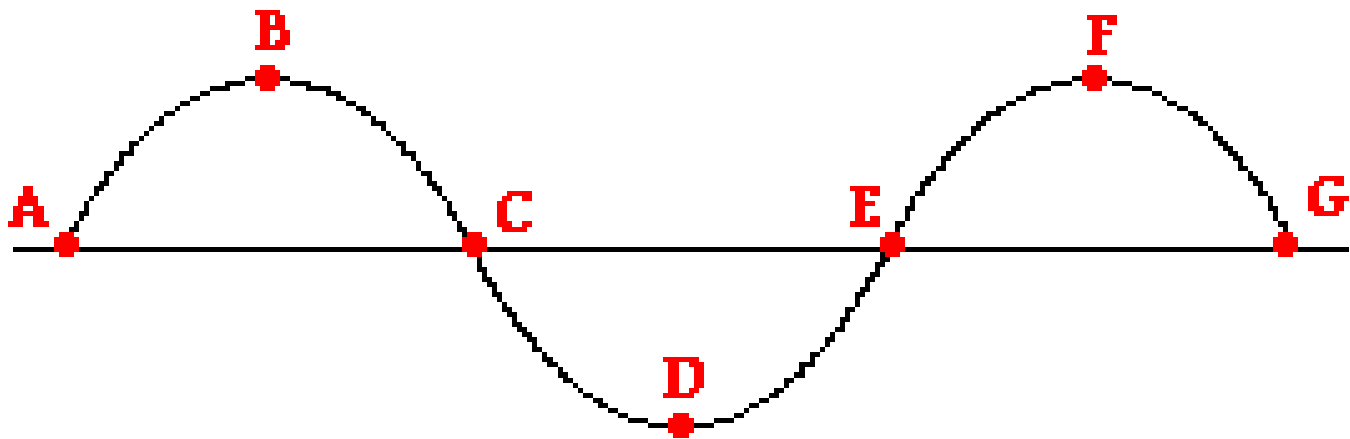




# Anatomy of a wave



# Review...



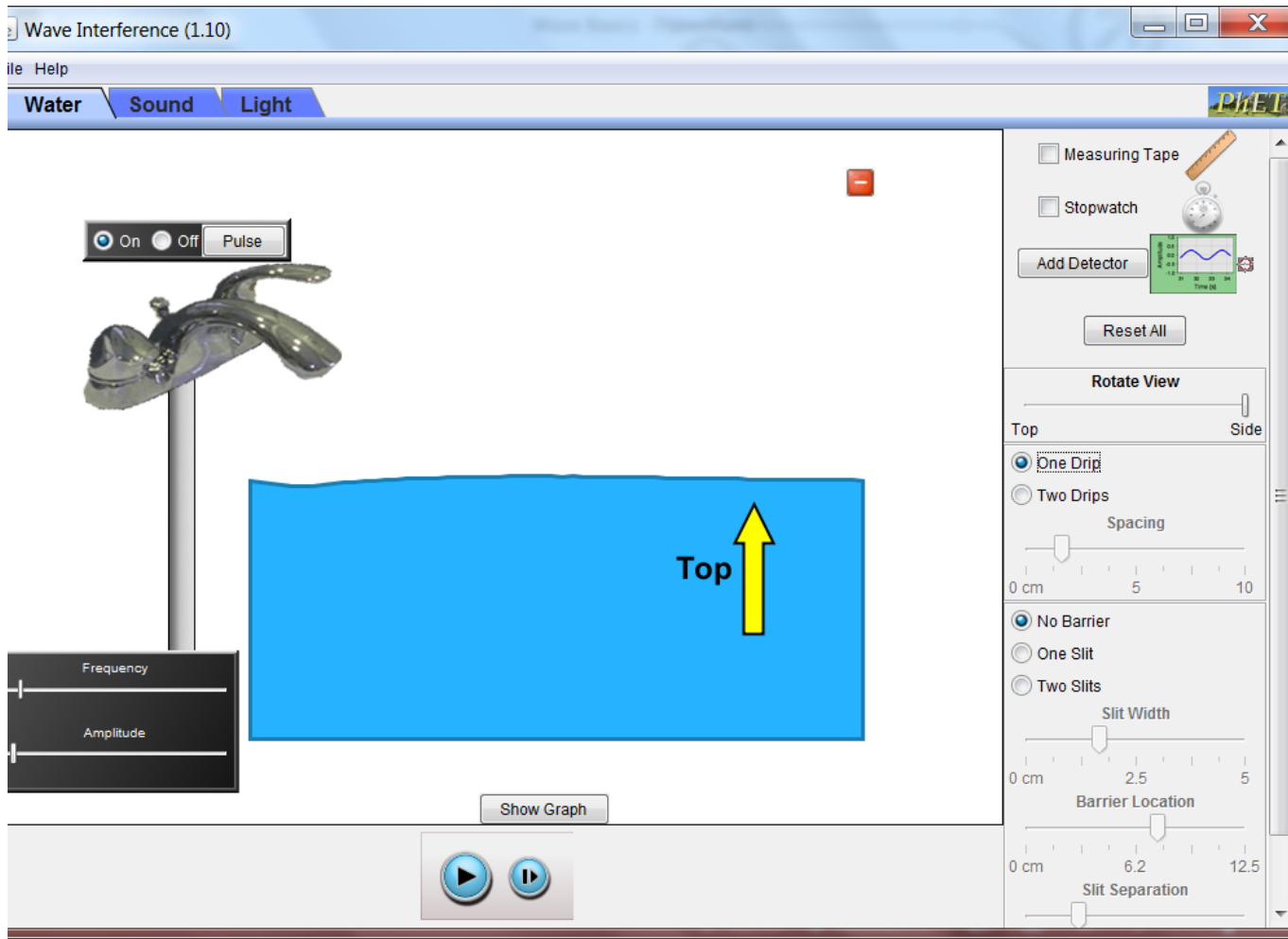
# Waves and ENERGY

- 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...

What is the mathematical relationship between the...

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...

# Conclusion

- For a wave, the energy delivered is proportional to the amplitude squared as shown by the equation: **energy = 977.5 (amplitude)<sup>2</sup>**
- This means if the amplitude of a wave is doubled then the energy it delivers will quadruple.
- For example, if the waves today in OC are 1.0m tall, and yesterday they were 2.0m tall, then they delivered 4x the energy yesterday than today.

Does this guy comprehend the relationship?



These guys are enjoying the  
relationship!



What's next?

Or, what else do we  
need to know about  
waves?

# What are the relationships between...

- wavelength (m) and frequency (Hz) ...
- wavelength (m) and amplitude (m) ...
- frequency (Hz) and amplitude (m) ...

...for a wave on a string?

# What is the relationship between...

wavelength (m) and frequency (Hz) for a wave on a string?

# Conclusions

- For a wave, the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ proportional to the \_\_\_\_\_ as shown by the equation: \_\_\_\_\_
- This means if the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ then the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_.  
(use: double, triple, quadruple, halve, quarter, etc)
- For example...



# Wave Equations

- Frequency is the inverse of period
- $f = 1/T$
- Speed = distance/duration
- $S = d/\Delta t$
- Wave Speed = (frequency)(wavelength)
- $S = f \lambda$

# Wave Problems

- A person sits on a dock, and observes waves passing. In 10 seconds, 5 waves pass, and while they pass, the surface of the water moves up and down a total distance of 0.50m. The crests are 1.0m apart. Determine the:
  - A) period
  - B) frequency
  - C) amplitude
  - D) wavelength
  - E) wave speed
  - F) duration to go 1609m

# Practice Assignment

Complete as many CYU as needed from  
PCR Lessons 2d&e (until you have achieved  
mastery of both equations)

You know you have achieved mastery if you can  
complete the WS without your notes or a partner

Mastery will be assessed on FRIDAY on a quiz

# Practice Problem

A student rhythmically slaps the water in the South swimming pool, striking the water 2 times each second. Each wave she generates reaches the far end of the pool (20m away from her) 26.7 seconds after it is generated. Determine the wavelength of the waves she generates.

Be sure to show all five steps to solving word problems (a picture might help)

# How do you know it is a wave?

- It will do each of these....

# Wave Phenomena

- Reflection
- Interference
- Refraction
- Diffraction
- Doppler Effect

# Reflection

- When a wave strikes a barrier and is deflected off of the barrier (always at the same angle)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o6eyxtxB2s>

# Interference

- Occurs when two waves that are traveling meet. Individual pulses add together when they are in the same location, and then continue on their way
- Constructive Interference: crest meets crest, or trough meets trough – results in larger amplitude at that spot
- Destructive Interference: crest meets trough – results in smaller (perhaps even ZERO) amplitude at that spot
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PmnaPvAvQY&NR=1>
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_rK66GFel4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_rK66GFel4)



# Refraction

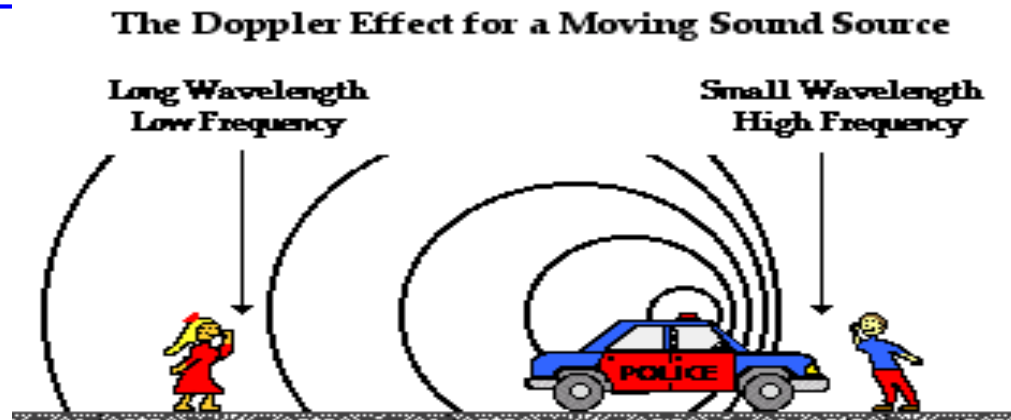
- Refraction is the name of the phenomenon where a change of the medium causes a change of the wave's \_\_\_\_\_, which causes a wave to bend, or change direction.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stdi6XJX6gU&feature=related>

# Diffraction

- Diffraction is the phenomenon that occurs when a wave passes through a narrow opening in a barrier, or passes the end of a barrier.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EDr2YY9IyA&feature=related>

# Doppler Effect

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5KaeCZ\\_AaY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5KaeCZ_AaY)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1ykNQijOC8>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zu5SGI>



# Traveling vs “Standing” Waves

- Which is one wave on its own?
- Can a wave actually stand still?
- Two waves that meet\_\_\_\_\_
- This can cause \_\_\_\_\_ waves under the right conditions

# Interference Causes...

- Nodes and Anti-nodes (what are these?)
- Resonance and Standing Waves
- Beats (study this NEXT week)

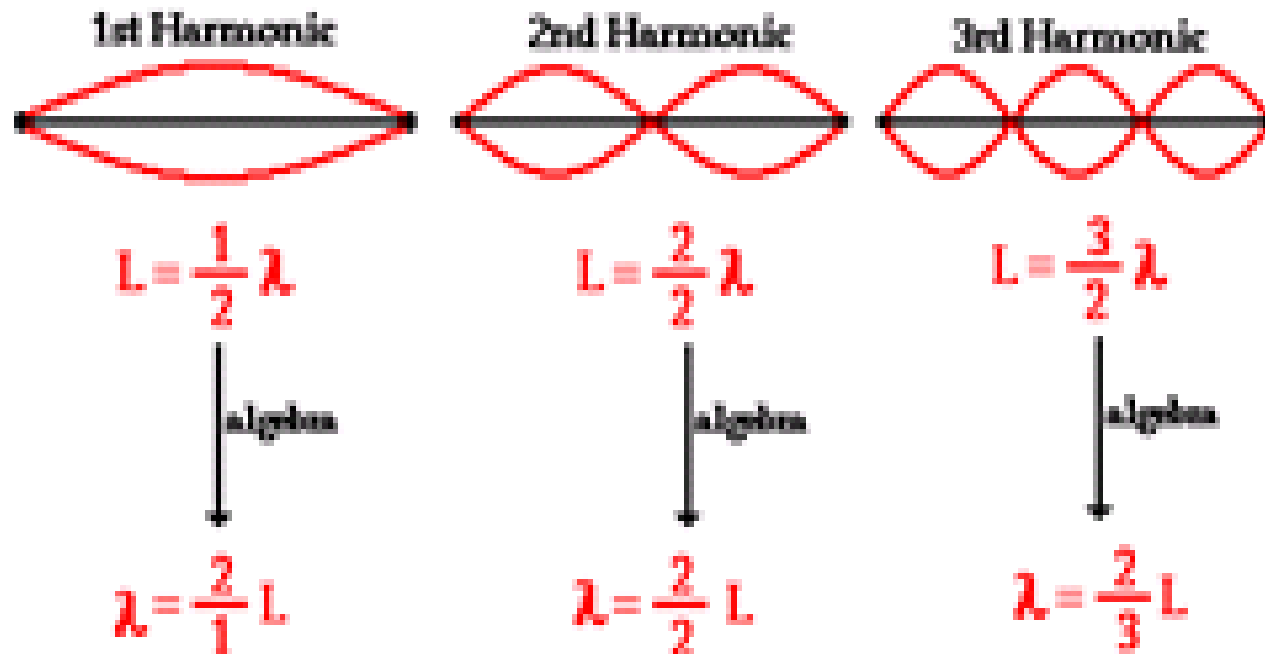
# Create the equations for...

...the first three resonance patterns on a string or spring that is fixed on both ends.

Write the equation that relates the spring length to the wavelength of the standing wave.

# Standing Waves

Lowest Three Natural Frequencies of a Guitar String



# Standing Waves Problem

The second harmonic standing wave pattern is generated on a spring by causing 10 waves in six seconds. The distance between the ends of the spring is 4.0m Determine:

- a) The waves' frequency
- b) The wavelength
- c) The waves' speed



# Lab: “Standing Wave”

- By generating the three lowest frequency “standing wave” patterns on a spring, then taking appropriate measurements and performing appropriate computations, ***determine the speed of waves on the spring.***

# “Report”

- State the objective
- Draw the three wave patterns, labelling the wavelength and the length of the spring (distance between ends)
- Present measurements and computed values in a table
- Show formulas, and a sample calculation (with measurements plugged in) for each standing wave harmonic
- Average results and state in a concluding sentence.