

$$\textcircled{1} E = hf = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(6.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}) = \boxed{4.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} E = hf = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(7.91 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz}) = \boxed{5.24 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{5.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = (5.09 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz})(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) = \boxed{3.37 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{746.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = (4.02 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz})(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) = \boxed{2.66 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{5} E = hf = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ Hz}) = \boxed{1.59 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}}$$

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$$1.59 \times 10^{-12} \text{ kJ}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{500 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = (6.00 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz})(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) = \boxed{3.98 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{7} f = \frac{E}{h} = \frac{(2.39 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J})}{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})} = \boxed{3.60 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\textcircled{8} f = \frac{E}{h} = \frac{(1.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J})}{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})} = \boxed{2.11 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}}$$

$$E = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m}}{2.11 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}} = \boxed{1.42 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} \text{ or } 0.000142 \text{ J}}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \frac{E}{\lambda} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{434 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} \left(6.91 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \right) (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) = \boxed{4.58 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

Max Planck explained that energy was transferred in chunks known as **quanta**, equal to $h\nu$. The variable h is Planck's constant equal to $6.6262 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$ and the variable ν represents the frequency in $1/\text{s}$, s^{-1} , or Hz (Hertz). This equation allows the calculation of the energy of photons, given their frequency. If the wavelength is given, the energy can be determined by first using the light equation ($c = \nu\lambda$) to find the frequency, then using Planck's equation to calculate energy.

Problem-Solving Strategy**Known**Frequency (ν)Wavelength (λ)

Energy (E)

$E = h\nu$

Frequency (ν)Frequency (ν)**Unknown**

Energy (E)

Energy (E)

Wavelength (λ)

$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$

$\nu = \frac{E}{h}$

$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu}$

useful equations

$c = \nu\lambda$

$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

$E = h\nu$

$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

$1 \text{ nm} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

$1 \text{ kJ} = 1000 \text{ J}$

Example: Light with a wavelength of 525 nm is green. Calculate the energy in joules for a green light photon.

- **First** find the frequency:

$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$

$$= \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{525 \text{ nm} \cdot \frac{1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ nm}}} = \nu = 5.71 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1} = 5.71 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

- **Second** find the energy

$E = h\nu$

$$E = (6.6262 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(5.71 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}) = E = 3.78 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/photon}$$

Use the equations above to answer the following questions.

1. Ultraviolet radiation has a frequency of $6.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$. Calculate the energy, in joules, of the photon.
2. Find the energy, in joules per photon, of microwave radiation with a frequency of $7.91 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz}$.
3. A sodium vapor lamp emits light photons with a wavelength of $5.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$. What is the energy of these photons?
4. One of the electron transitions in a hydrogen atom produces infrared light with a wavelength of 746.4 nm. What amount of energy causes this transition?
5. Find the energy in kJ for an x-ray photon with a frequency of $2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
6. A ruby laser produces red light that has a wavelength of 500 nm. Calculate its energy in joules.
7. What is the frequency of UV light that has an energy of $2.39 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$?
8. What is the wavelength and frequency of photons with an energy of $1.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$?
9. What is the energy of a light that has 434 nm?
10. What is the wavelength of a light that has a frequency of $3.42 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}$?

$$\textcircled{B} \quad \lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{(3.00 \times 10^8)}{(3.12 \times 10^{11})} = 9.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$