

Bellwork

How do you define  
the speed of a  
wave?

## Notes

Wave a disturbance that carries energy from one location to another

Medium the material through which the wave travels

Amplitude the maximum distance the medium moves from its relaxed position

Symbol  $A$       units (m)

Wavelength the distance between any consecutive corresponding parts of a wave

Symbol  $\lambda$

Units m

Period time it takes  
for one complete  
vibration

Symbol:  $T$   
Units: s

frequency number of  
vibrations that occur  
in one second

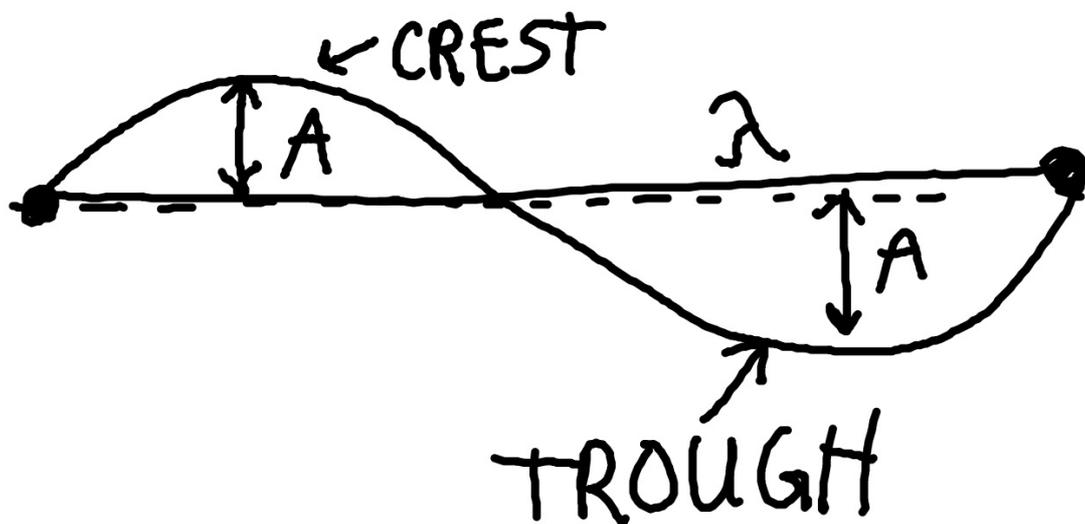
Symbol:  $f$   
Units: Hz (Hertz) =  $s^{-1}$

Equations

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$V = f\lambda$$

Transverse Wave: the medium vibrates in a direction that is perpendicular to the direction the wave moves



Longitudinal wave the medium vibrates in a direction that is parallel to the direction the wave is moving

relaxed medium

