Changes in Waves

Essential Question: How do changes in one part of a wave affect other parts of a wave? (S8P4a,f)

Use the PowerPoint to fill in the Changes in Wave Properties Notes



Review: Parts of a Transverse Wave

The **amplitude** is the peak (greatest) value (either positive or negative) of a wave. The distance from the undisturbed level to the trough or crest.



Larger amplitude = More Energy



Review: Parts of a Wave

The wavelength is the distance...

between the crests or troughs of two consecutive transverse waves





from compression to compression or rarefaction to rarefaction in a compressional wave

Frequency is the number of wavelengths that pass a point in a given amount of time.



Wavelength and Frequency are inversely related.

If a wave is traveling at the same speed, as the frequency of a wave increases, its wavelength decreases. The same is true in reverse. As the wavelength of a wave increases, its

frequency decreases.



Wavelength, Frequency, and Energy

Shorter Wavelength = Higher Frequency = More Energy

Longer Wavelength = Lower Frequency = Less Energy Changes In Wave Properties: Sorting Activity Images

Summarizing Strategy:

Complete the Changes in Properties of Waves: Sorting Activity

