Physics Essentials Phenomenon

What is happening here?



Waves Mini Lesson

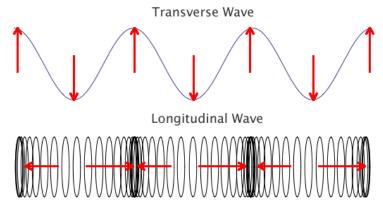
What's a Wave?

A disturbance that travels through a medium from one location to another.

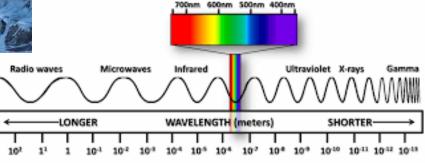
Waves transfer energy not matter

Consider a slinky...







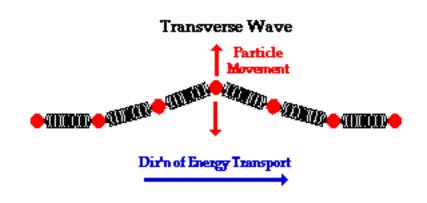


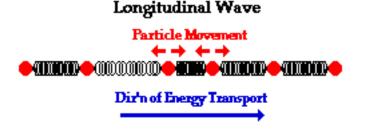
Visible Light

The 2 Types of Waves

Transverse Waveperpendicular to the
direction of travel
(moves to the right,
particle goes up)

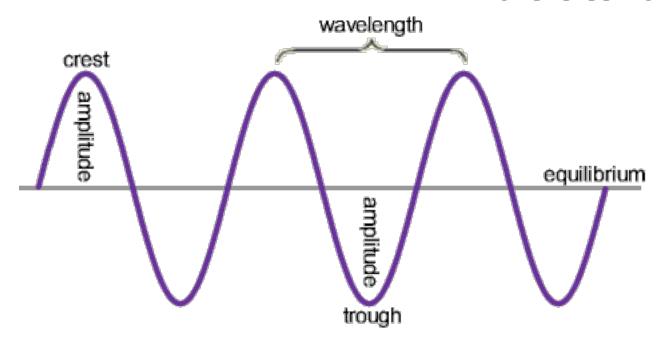
Longitudinal Waveparallel to the
direction of travel
(moves right, particle
moves right)



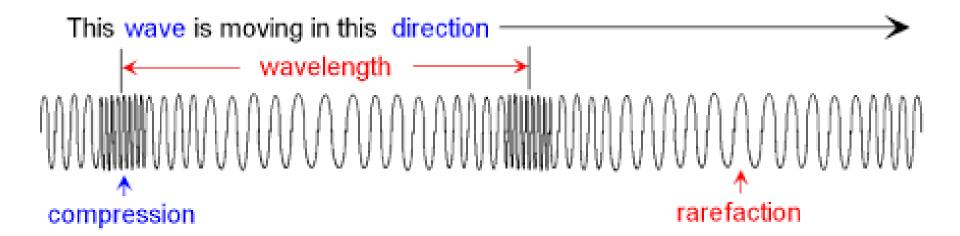


Transverse Wave

Transverse Wave



Longitudinal Wave- Sound Wave



More Wave Vocabulary

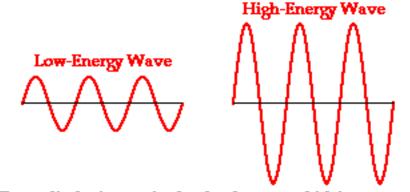
Frequency:

Number of waves/time

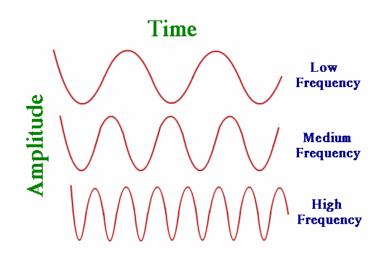
Unit: Hertz

Speed:

Frequency x wavelength

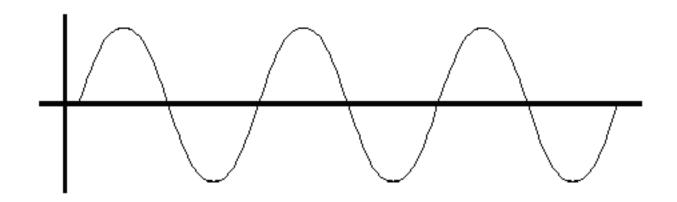


The amplitude of a wave is related to the energy which it transports.



Wrap Up





- 1) What is the type of wave above?
- 2) Identify: amplitude, wavelength, trough, crest
- 3) What is the frequency if this wave traveled in 3 seconds?
- 4) What is the speed of the wave?
- 5) Draw a higher frequency wave.

