

3 Waves – Part 1

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Vocabulary 词汇

Write each word three times. 把每个单词抄写三遍。

English	中文	Write it 3 times (English)		
wave	波	_____	_____	_____
energy	能量	_____	_____	_____
wavelength	波长	_____	_____	_____
amplitude	振幅	_____	_____	_____
frequency	频率	_____	_____	_____
hertz	赫兹	_____	_____	_____
transverse	横波	_____	_____	_____
longitudinal	纵波	_____	_____	_____
reflection	反射	_____	_____	_____
refraction	折射	_____	_____	_____
diffraction	衍射	_____	_____	_____

Recall

A **wave** 波 carries **energy** 能量 from place to place **without** carrying matter. A water wave makes a cork bob up and down, but the cork does not travel along with it.

- Waves are how light, sound and ripples carry energy.
- We describe every wave with the same few words.

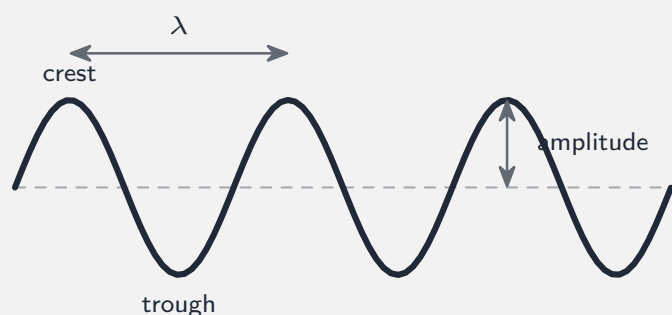
Nothing here is hard —it just adds the words and one equation.

New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

■ 1 Describing a wave

- **wavelength** 波长 (λ) —the distance of one full wave (e.g. crest to crest).
- **amplitude** 振幅—the largest distance a point moves from its rest position.
- **frequency** 频率 (f) —the number of waves passing a point each second (in **hertz** 赫兹, Hz).

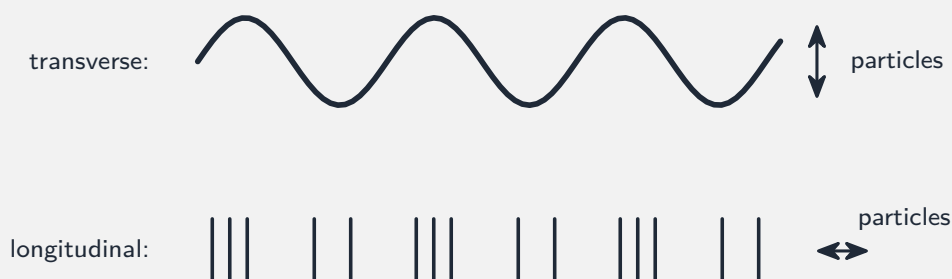


These link by the **wave equation**: $v = f\lambda$.

Worked example. A sound wave with $v = 340$ m/s and $f = 170$ Hz: $\lambda = v/f = 340/170 = 2.0$ m.

■ 2 Two types of wave

- **transverse** 横波—particles vibrate at **right angles** to the travel direction (light, water).
- **longitudinal** 纵波—particles vibrate **along** the travel direction (sound).



■ 3 What waves do

- **reflection** 反射—bounces off a surface.

- **refraction** 折射—changes speed (and bends) entering a new material.
- **diffraction** 衍射—spreads out through a gap or round an edge.

Watch out: in $v = f\lambda$, frequency is waves per second (Hz) and wavelength is a distance (m) —keep the units apart. Amplitude is measured from the **rest** position to a crest, not from crest to trough.

Practice

Try these in order.

3.1 What does a wave carry from place to place, without carrying matter? [1]

3.2 Define the *wavelength* of a wave. [1]

3.3 Write the wave equation. [1]

3.4 A wave has frequency 50 Hz and wavelength 6 m. Calculate its speed. [2]

3.5 State whether each is transverse or longitudinal: (a) light, (b) sound. [2]

3.6 Name the wave behaviour where a wave spreads out after passing through a gap. [1]

3.7 Challenge. A water wave has a wavelength of 0.5 m and travels at 2 m/s. Calculate

its frequency.

[2]

