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# Calculating Wave Speed, Frequency and $\lambda$

This worksheet is designed to give you some practice using the general wave equation:  $v = \lambda f$ . You'll be expected to use this equation correctly on the upcoming chapter test, sound lab and test.



$$v = \lambda \times f$$

- 1.) Frequency = 5 Hz  
Wavelength = 100m  
Speed =  $v = \lambda f = 500 \text{ m/s}$
- 2.) Frequency = 20 Hz  
Wavelength = 200 m  
Speed =  $v = \lambda f = 4,000 \text{ m/s}$
- 3.) Frequency = 27 Hz  
Wavelength = 150 m  
Speed =  $v = \lambda f = 4,050 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.) Frequency = 27 Hz  
Wavelength =  $\lambda = 1.7 \text{ m}$   
Speed = 46 m/s
- 5.) Frequency =  $f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Hz}$   
Wavelength = 502 km  
Speed = 100 m/s
- 6.) Frequency =  $f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = 0.043 \text{ Hz}$   
Wavelength = 326 m  
Speed = 14 m/s
- 7.) Frequency = 97 Hz  
Wavelength = 1378 km  
Speed =  $v = \lambda f = 133,666,000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 8.) Frequency = 78 Hz  
Wavelength = 1378 km  
Speed =  $v = \lambda f = 107,484,000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

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9. What is the  $v$  if  $\lambda = 8$  m and  $f = 20$  Hz?

$$v = 160 \text{ m/s}$$

10. What is the  $\lambda$  if  $v = 50$  m/s and  $f = 25$  Hz?

$$\lambda = 2 \text{ m}$$

11. What is the  $f$  if  $v = 50$  m/s and  $\lambda = 10$  m?

$$f = 5 \text{ Hz}$$

12. What is the  $v$  if  $\lambda = 1$  m and  $f = 345$  Hz?

$$v = 345 \text{ m/s}$$

13. What is the  $\lambda$  if  $v = 100$  m/s and  $f = 3$  Hz?

$$\lambda = 33.33 \text{ m}$$

14. What is the  $f$  if  $v = 120$  m/s and  $\lambda = 3$  m?

$$f = 40 \text{ Hz}$$

15. What is the  $v$  if  $\lambda = 3$  m and  $f = 10$  Hz?

$$v = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

16. What is the  $\lambda$  if  $v = 345$  m/s and  $f = 790$  Hz?

$$\lambda = 0.44 \text{ m}$$

17. What is the  $f$  if  $v = 345$  m/s and  $\lambda = .25$  m?

$$f = 1,380 \text{ Hz}$$

18. Joe the whistle maker knows that the maximum volume for a whistle will occur if the length of the whistle is exactly  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the wavelength. If Joe must make a whistle that plays at a pitch of 320 Hz, how long will the whistle be?

19. How long is the wavelength of KAJA radio whose broadcast frequency is 97.1 MHz? (97.1 MHz = 97,100,000 Hz and  $v = 300,000,000$  m/s)

20. Using the velocity of sound at 343 m/s and given the frequencies of a piano scale, compute the wavelengths of that scale.

$$\#18 \quad v = 343 \text{ m/s} \quad f = 320 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{320 \text{ Hz}} = 1.07 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(1.07 \text{ m}) = 0.27 \text{ m}$$

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$$\lambda = \frac{300,000,000 \text{ m/s}}{97,100,000 \text{ Hz}} = 3.09 \text{ m}$$

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$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{64 \text{ Hz}} =$$

$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{128 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{256 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{512 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{1,024 \text{ Hz}}$$