

1. A string vibrates at a frequency of 20 Hz. What is its period?

$$\frac{1}{20} \text{ sec.}$$

2. A speaker vibrates at a frequency of 200 Hz. What is its period?

$$\frac{1}{200} \text{ sec.}$$

3. A swing has a period of 10 seconds. What is its frequency?

$$\frac{1}{10} \text{ Hz.}$$

4. A pendulum has a period of 0.3 second. What is its frequency?

$$\frac{1}{0.3} \text{ Hz} \approx 3 \text{ Hz}$$

5. You want to describe the harmonic motion of a swing. You find out that it takes 2 seconds for the swing to complete one cycle. What is the swing's period and frequency?

$$\text{per} = 2 \text{ sec} \quad f = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Hz}$$

6. An oscillator makes four vibrations in one second. What is its period and frequency?

$$\text{FREQ} = 4 \text{ Hz} \quad \text{per} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ sec}$$

7. A pendulum takes 0.5 second to complete one cycle. What is the pendulum's period and frequency?

$$\text{per} = 0.5 \text{ sec} \quad \text{FREQ} = \frac{1}{0.5} = 2 \text{ Hz}$$

8. A pendulum takes 10 seconds to swing through 2 complete cycles.

a. How long does it take to complete one cycle? 5 sec

b. What is its period? 5 sec.

c. What is its frequency? $\frac{1}{5} \text{ Hz.}$

9. An oscillator makes 360 vibrations in 3 minutes.

a. How many vibrations does it make in one minute? 120

b. How many vibrations does it make in one second? 2

c. What is its period in seconds? $\frac{1}{2} \text{ sec.}$

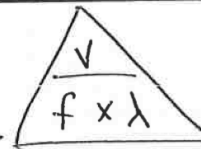
d. What is its frequency in hertz? 2 Hz

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Math Skills**Wave Speed**

$$v = f\lambda$$



1. A wave with a frequency of 60.0 Hz travels through vulcanized rubber with a wavelength of 0.90 m. What is the speed of this wave?

$$v = f\lambda = 60.0 \text{ Hz} \cdot 0.90 \text{ m} = 54 \text{ m/s}$$

2. A wave with a frequency of 60.0 Hz travels through steel with a wavelength of 85.5 m. What is the speed of this wave?

$$v = f\lambda = 60.0 \text{ Hz} \cdot 85.5 \text{ m} = 5130 \text{ m/s}$$

3. The lowest pitch that the average human can hear has a frequency of 20.0 Hz. If sound with this frequency travels through air with a speed of 331 m/s, what is its wavelength?

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{331 \text{ m/s}}{20.0 \text{ Hz}} = \underline{16.6 \text{ m}}$$

4. One of the largest organ pipes is in the auditorium organ in the convention hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The pipe is 38.6 ft long and produces a sound with a wavelength of about 10.6 m. If the speed of sound in air is 346 m/s, what is the frequency of this sound?

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{346 \text{ m/s}}{10.6 \text{ m}} = \underline{32.6 \text{ Hz}}$$

5. A certain FM radio station broadcasts electromagnetic waves at a frequency of 9.05×10^7 Hz. These radio waves travel at a speed of 3.00×10^8 m/s. What is the wavelength of these radio waves?

