Sound Waves



<u>Across</u>

- 2. The high point of a wave (above rest position) as it travels. Also known as the peak.
- 7. The material through which a wave travels. Solids, liquids, gases.
- 10. Funnels sound waves through the ear canal (a tunnel) to the eardrum (tympanic membrane).
- 11. The effect produced when frequency (pitch) seemingly changes due to wave motion. When a car approaches you, the pitch is higher. When the car goes away from you, the pitch is lower.
- 12. Type of wave that causes the medium to vibrate at right angles to the direction of travel. e.g. sin curve with crests and troughs.
- 14. Property of a wave where: speed = frequency x wavelength. e.g. 342 m/s in dry 20 C air. Sound travels fastest in solids, slowest in gases.
- 18. The loudness of sound. On a graph it is the maximum displacement of a medium from rest position. e.g. decibels.
- 19. The low point of a wave (from rest position) as it travels. 20. Receives the vibration of the eardrum, acting as a lever
- 20. Receives the vibration of the eardrum, acting as a lever system to amplify motion of the eardrum. Hammer (malleus) to anvil (incus) to stirrup (stapes).
- 21. Entrance of the inner ear that receives vibrations from the stapes (stirrup) ossicle (tiny bone) that transmits the sound vibration from the middle ear to the brain.
- 22. Sound waves vibrate parallel to the direction of wave travel. e.g. sound, springs. The wave compresses and expands (rarefaction).
- 23. Sound at fréquencies higher than most people hear. e.g. Sonar determines distances in water. e.g. Imaging is an important medical technique detailing structures and organs of the body.

Down

- 1. The number of vibrations (cycles) per unit time. "Pitch." The number of wavelengths passing by per second is Hertz.
- 3. A wave caused by interference and reflection that appears to stay in one place as if stationary. A node is the non-moving portion of complete destructive interference, and the antinode is the crest or trough.
- 4. The unit used to measure loudness of sound (amplitude). The human ear hears ~20 to 140 db. This scale measures sound intensity using a logarithmic scale.
- 5. The source of waves based on a back and forth motion. Sound needs particles to propagate.
- The response of a standing wave to another wave of the same frequency. e.g. singers shatter a glass. Sound amplifies in response to vibrations so it can be heard.
- 8. Two or more waves overlap or collide and continue. e.g. diffraction. Constructive _____ combines waves to produce a larger displacement from rest position. Destructive _____ produce smaller displacement or cancel out waves.
- 9. The bending of a wave due to a change in wave speed when it enters a new medium. e.g. In the summer, sounds tend to be louder at night due to cooler air temperature (slows the sound).
- 13. The rebounding of waves off a surface. e.g. echo & reverberation.
- 15. Another term for frequency of sound. As frequency increases, this goes higher.
- 16. The bending of a wave as it moves around an obstacle or passes through a narrow opening. e.g. musical notes interfere so we can hear them.
- The distance between a point on one wave and the same point on the next cycle of the wave. Inversely proportional to the frequency of a sound wave. Equal to the speed of sound divided by the frequency.