

Name Key

Hour \_\_\_\_\_

- ①  $1\text{ Hz} = \frac{1}{\text{sec}}$
- ② molecules closer together
- ③ move faster together
- ④ Alexander Graham Bell

# SOUND NOTES

## Sound

1. Sound is a longitudinal wave caused by vibrating molecules.

2. How are vibrations turned into sound?  
ears collect vibrations → vibrates ear bones → changes into signals sent to brain

3. Would there be sound if there was no air? (like in space) NO

4. Sound waves move at a constant velocity 330 m/s = 740 mph

5. Something that is moving faster than the speed of sound is called supersonic

Ex. whip, bullet, planes, Concord (crashed 2000 France) guy jumping from space = 800 mph  
 (Blackbird) Mach 3 ← unmanned Mach 9.6 Mach 2 Paris → NYC 3.5 hr vs. 8

6. The speed of sound is referred to as Mach-1, twice the speed of sound is Mach 2

7. A loud noise created when an object travels faster than the speed of sound is a sonic boom

8. Chuck Yeager: First person to break the sound barrier in 1947 - repeated on 11/14/2012 at age 89

9. The loudness of sound is measured in decibels

10. Common frequencies of sound waves

infrasonic-

audible-

ultrasonic-

Hz: Less than 20

20 - 20,000

Greater than 20,000

Ex: earthquake, thunder  
volcano, elephants

we hear

dog whistles, ultrasounds,  
bats, dolphins, frogs, moths  
mice

## Variables that Affect the Speed of Sound

1. Medium: What the sound travels through  
Why do sounds travel faster in solids than in air?

molecules closer together

Sound travels about 4.5 times faster in water than in the air at 0°C.

2. **TEMPERATURE**

As the temperature increases the speed of sound increases

$$v = 330 \text{ m/s} + (0.6 \times \text{temp in } ^\circ\text{C})$$

\*\* The temperature must be in degrees Celsius

$$^\circ\text{C} = \frac{^\circ\text{F} - 32^\circ\text{F}}{1.8}$$

Why do sounds travel faster in warmer weather? molecules move faster

Example: Calculate the speed of sound on a 10° F day. (322.7 m/s)

$$^\circ\text{C} = \frac{10 - 32}{1.8} = -12.2^\circ\text{C}$$

$$v = 330 + (.6 \times -12.2) = 322.7 \text{ m/s}$$

## Doppler Effect

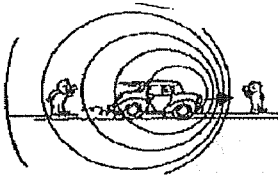
1. Doppler Effect: The frequency shift that is a result of motion between the source of waves and an observer.

\*Reminder...higher frequencies have higher itches

\*\*\*F.Y.I. This can occur with sound waves, light waves, radio waves for weather forecasting (Doppler radar).

\*A moving car honking its horn sketch:

Observer hears a lower pitch as it moves away because the frequency (waves/sec) is lower



Observer hears a HIGHER pitch as it moves toward you because the frequency (waves/sec) is greater

2. Equation for the Doppler Effect:  $f' = f \frac{v}{v \pm v_s}$

f' = Frequency heard by observer in Hz

f = Original frequency in Hz

v = Speed of sound in m/s

v<sub>s</sub> = Speed of source of the sound in m/s

Add - away

Takeaway - toward

### Example:

A train moving at 20 m/s sounds a horn of frequency 200 Hz. Assuming that the speed of sound is 340 m/s, what is the frequency heard by

- a) a person the train is moving toward?

$$f' = 200 \left( \frac{340}{340 - 20} \right) = 212.5 \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{should be higher})$$

- b) a person the train is moving away from?

$$f' = 200 \left( \frac{340}{340 + 20} \right) = 188.9 \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{should be lower})$$

**Resonance:** The condition that occurs when the frequency of an applied force matches the natural frequency of an object creating maximum energy transfer.

- frequency that most efficiently turns sound waves into physical motion.

### Examples of resonance:

1. Singing/Lexus exhaust shatters wine glass:

2. Tacoma Narrows Bridge; Opened for 4 months before it collapsed in 1940  
freq & speed of wind matched natural freq. of bridge creating max. energy transfer & movement!