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P13 1 The Electromagnetic Spectrum

Worksheet Grade

Key Questions

- What are the parts of the electromagnetic spectrum (EMS)
- Range of wavelengths in the EMS that an eye can detect
- How energy is transferred by electromagnetic waves

Current		Target
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Lesson Objective

To understand the spectrum of electromagnetic waves and how they transfer energy.

Route to Learning	Grade	Achieved
State that all EM waves travel at the same speed in a vacuum	4	
Identify the position of EM waves in the spectrum in order of wavelength and frequency.	5	
Describe the relationship between the energy being transferred by an EM wave and the frequency of the wave.	6	
Explain why the range of EM wavelengths detected by the human eye is limited.	7	
Use standard form in calculations of wavelength, frequency, and wave speed.	8	

What type of wave is Light and what does it transfer?

Grade
2-3

What can travel across a vacuum and does it have mass?

Complete the sentence

Grade
1-2

Light is an _____ electric and _____ field transferring _____
from a _____ (e.g. Sun, Light Bulb) to an _____ (e.g. Black blazer, Green Grass).

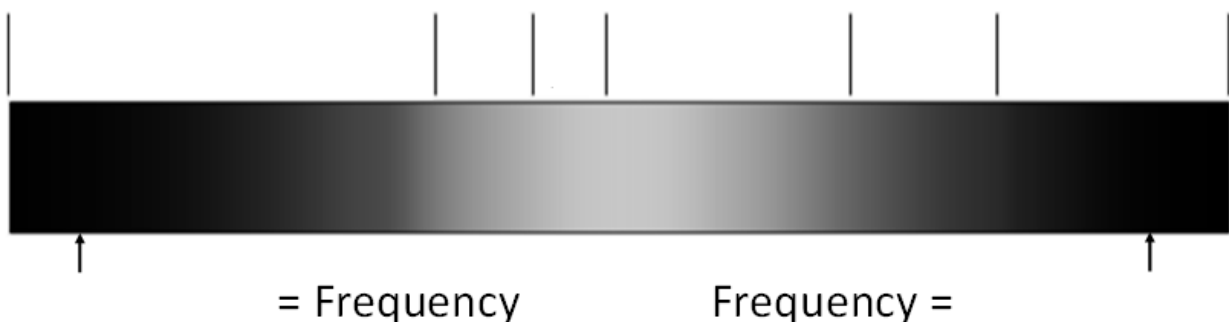
The combined oscillating _____ and magnetic _____ is called _____.

What travels at the speed of light in a vacuum?

Grade
3-4

Complete the labelling

Grade
1-2



Extension: Describe how night vision works

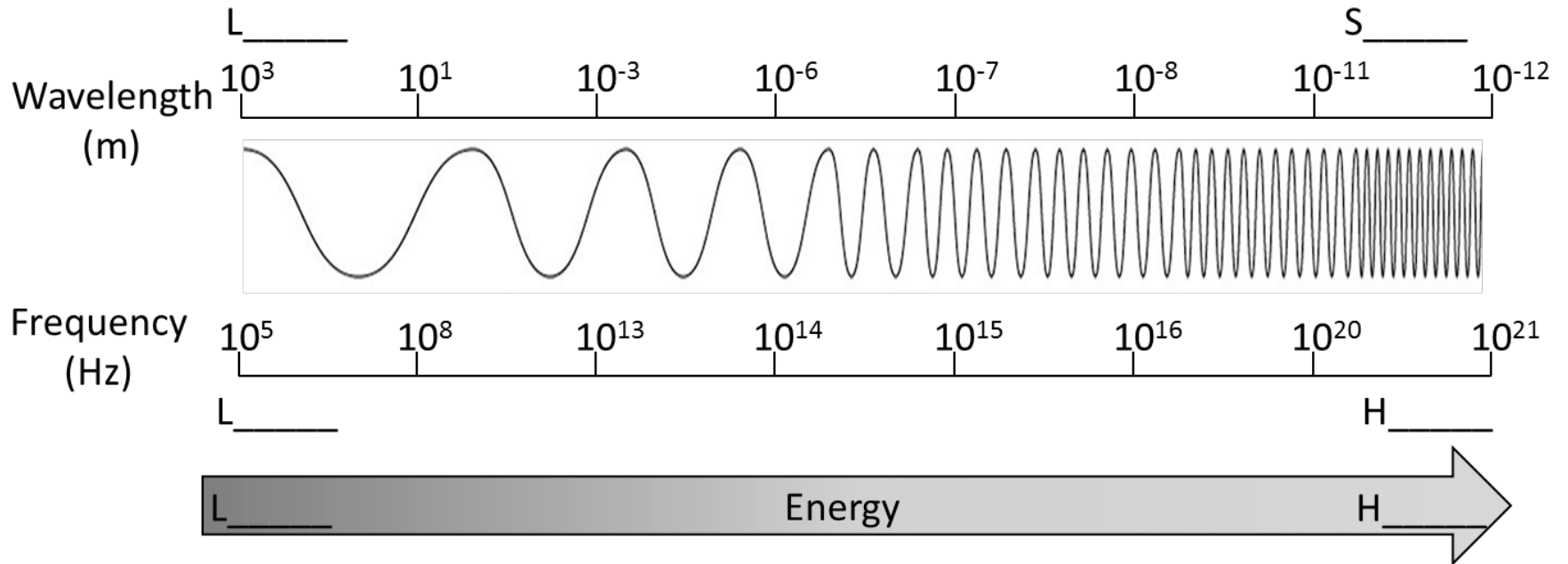
EM Banding	R.....	M.....	I..... ()	V.....	U..... ()	X.....	G.....
Usage Example							
Wavelength Size Example							

Grade 1-2

Grade 4-5

Grade 3-4

Complete the missing information for the Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS)



Grade 4-5

Describe the relationship between the energy transferred by an EM wave and the frequency of the wave

Grade
5-6

Describe how the eye sees movement and colour

Grade
4-5

Explain why the range of EM wavelengths detected by the human eye is limited.

Grade
6-7

Write the numbers in standard form		Write the numbers in the normal format	
120,000,000		8×10^{-6}	
0.000,000,456		4×10^3	
9360000000000000		4.67×10^{-8}	
0.0000000029		92.6×10^{12}	
46920000000000000.0		0.74×10^{-6}	

Grade
4-5

Calculate the missing value and write the answers in standard form $v = f \times \lambda$



Wave Speed m/s	Frequency Hz	Wavelength m
	170×10^6	1×10^{-3}
	75×10^8	56×10^{-6}
	0.04×10^8	2.1×10^{-7}
3×10^8		390×10^{-9}
3×10^8		7000×10^{-10}
270×10^6	456×10^{15}	
0.45×10^{10}	86.5×10^{14}	

Grade
6-7

Extension:

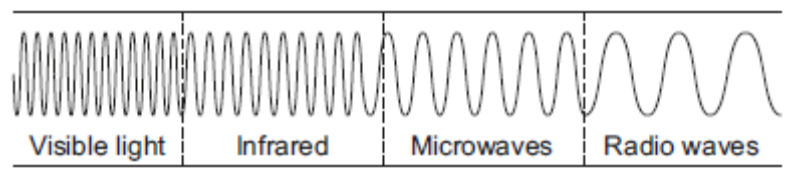
A green laser is fired through water at a frequency of 560×10^{12} Hz and wavelength of 401×10^{-9} m. What's the speed of light in water?	
Light from a distant star shines red (450×10^{12} Hz) and blue (650×10^{12} Hz). What's the difference in wavelength between the two colours?	

Grade
7-8

What is the wavelength?	
 Frequency is $2.45 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$	 Frequency is $5 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$
Show your calculations	Show your calculations

Exam Questions:

Infrared and microwaves are two types of electromagnetic radiation. The diagram below shows the positions of the two types of radiation within part of the electromagnetic spectrum.



(a) Name **one** type of electromagnetic radiation which has more energy than infrared.

_____ (1)

(b) Use the correct answer from the box to complete each sentence. Each answer may be used once, more than once or not at all.

greater than	less than	the same as
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The wavelength of infrared is _____ the wavelength of microwaves.

The frequency of microwaves is _____ the frequency of infrared.

The speed of microwaves in a vacuum is _____ the speed of infrared in a vacuum.

(3)

(c) Some of the properties of infrared and microwaves are the same.

State **two** of these properties.

1. _____

2. _____

(2)