# Unit 6F Electromagnetic Wave Properties Note-Taking Guide TEACHER

### Main Ideas, Key Points, Questions:

After watching the video segment, write down key points, main ideas, and big questions.

PHYSICS

**INMOTION** 

gpb.org/physics-motion

### **Objective(s):**

Notes:

- Understand how electromagnetic waves are created and how to identify the wave and particle properties of these waves.
- Recognize the various types of electromagnetic waves and how they differ in frequency and wavelength.

drawings to take notes.

Summary:

After watching the video segment, write at least three sentences explaining what you learned. You may ask yourself: "If I was going to explain this to someone else, what would I say?"

During the video segment, use words, phrases, or

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#### Answer the following.

#### 1. What two fields form electromagnetic waves?

Electromagnetic waves are formed by an electric field and a magnetic field.

2. How do mechanical waves differ from electromagnetic waves?

Mechanical waves need a medium through which to travel,

while electromagnetic waves can move through a vacuum.

3. Define a photon in your own words.

A photon is a discrete packet of light energy.

4. What happens when electrons are excited to a higher energy level then fall back down to a lower, more stable energy level?

Light is emitted from an atom when electrons fall back

down to a lower energy level from a higher energy level.

5. What is the name of Albert Einstein's hypothesis that provides evidence for the particle nature of light?

the photoelectric effect

6. Complete the following table:

Phenomenon	Can be explained by wave nature	Can be explained by particle nature
Reflection	X	
Refraction	X	
Interference	X	
Diffraction	X	
Photoelectric Effect		X

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# Unit 6F Electromagnetic Wave Properties *Questions to Consider TEACHER*

## Answer the following.

7. What type of wave is an electromagnetic wave?

An electromagnetic wave is a transverse wave.

8. Label a crest, trough, and wavelength on the diagram below:



9. Knowing that light travels at a constant speed, if the frequency of light increases, what happens to the wavelength of light?

If the frequency of light increases, the corresponding wavelength of light decreases.

10. Write the wave speed equation for light:

 $c = \lambda f$ 

11. What is the rounded speed in meters per second of light in a vacuum?

 $300\,000\,000 \ m/s = 3 \times 10^8 \ m/s$ 



Ans	Answer the following.			
12.	Name a use or p frequency:	e a use or property for each type of electromagnetic wave listed below from lowest to highest uency:		
	Radio Waves:	communicate information via radio and television		
	Microwaves:	cell phones and communication satellites		
	Infrared:	heat lamps and television remote controls		
	Visible Light: _	vision		
	Ultraviolet Light:	produced by the sun		
	X-rays:	x-ray machines		
	Gamma Rays:	by-product of nuclear reactions		
13.	Which color of v	isible light has the lowest frequency?		
_	Red light has the lowest frequency.			

14. Which color of visible light has the highest frequency?

Violet light has the highest frequency.