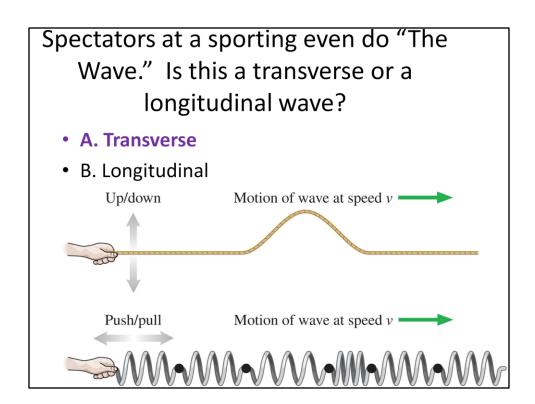
Speed of Waves

Spectators at a sporting even do "The Wave." Is this a transverse or a longitudinal wave?

- A. Transverse
- B. Longitudinal
- C. Neither



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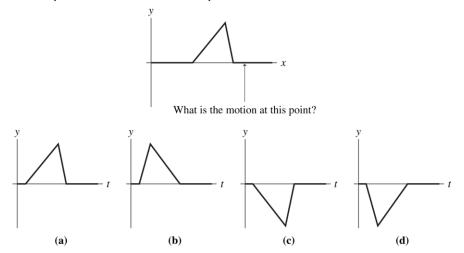
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Used these questions to get their minds on waves along a string. Some were review but it got them on the topic.

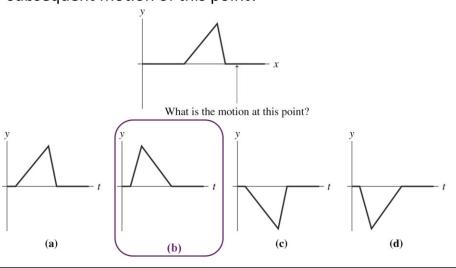
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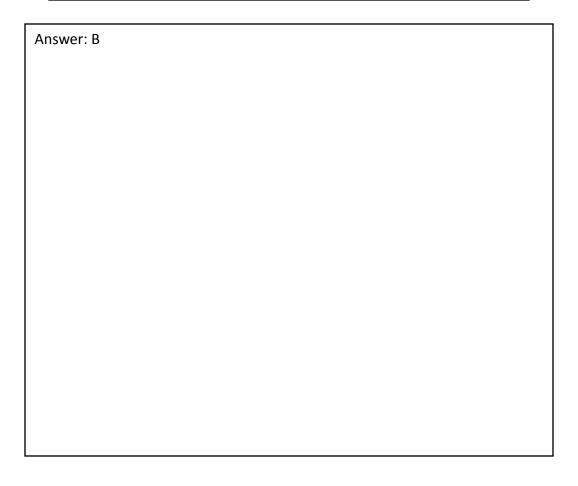


This is a very hard thing for students to do. Translating from a position graph to a history graph or vice versa requires a lot of visualization. The Knight, Jones and Fields workbooks have a lot of hard examples to work out but they work. I also used the Wave on a String simulation from PhET to help them visualize the pulse traveling and how one bead on the string moves.

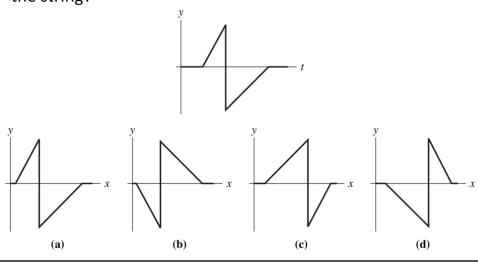
Answer: B

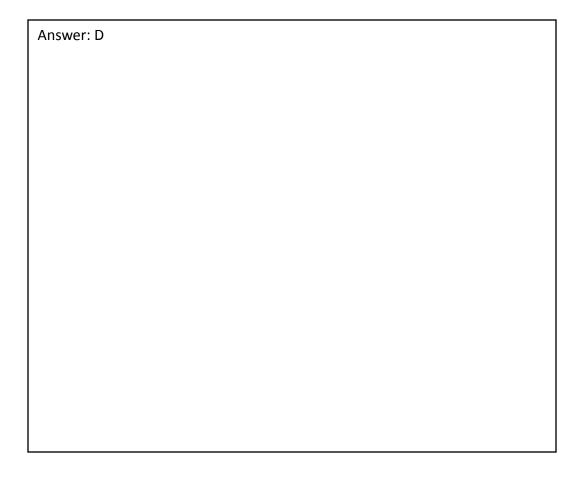
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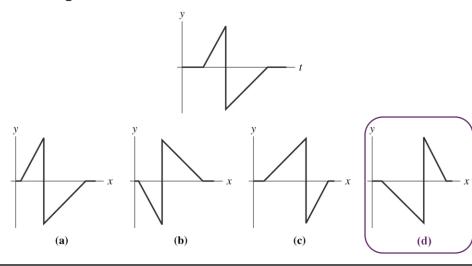


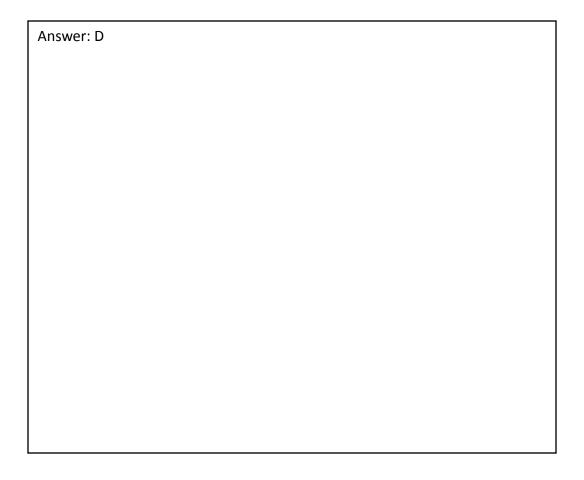
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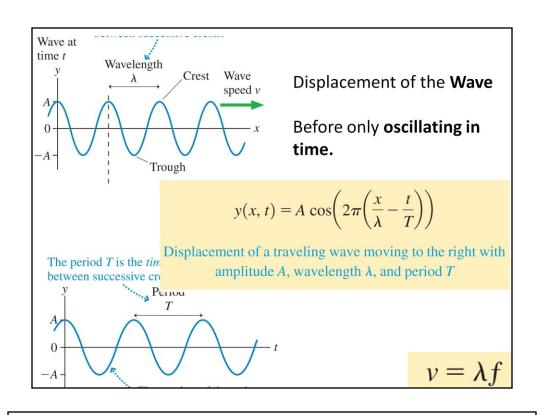




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Applications of Ultrasound



600 kHz ultrasound ¼ cm wavelength

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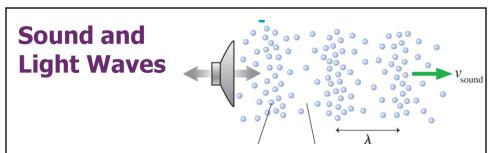
Kaiya, my neice I used this to show typical ultrasound photos. Just shadows.



Brecken my nephew, kaiya's twin. Hard to see that there's two in there!

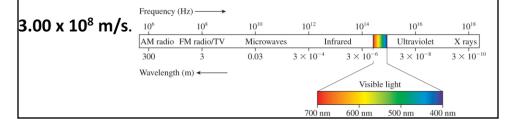


Kaiya's foot

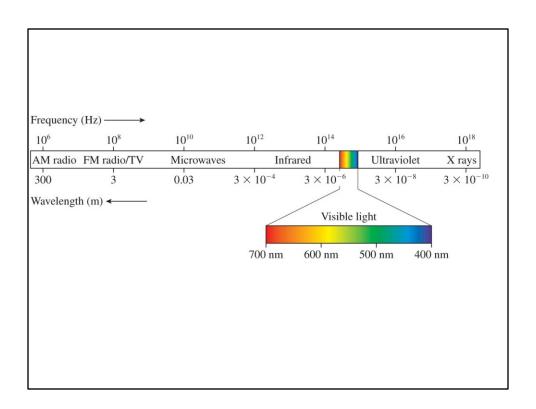


The speed of sound varies with the medium.

Light and other electromagnetic waves in vacuum and in air move at the same speed,



Introduction to the Electromagnetic spectrum and how it relates to what we've learned about sound waves.



Advanced Applications of Ultrasound

I used the Acoustics Today articles on Ultrasound. Specifically on brain surgery along with CT scans and MR imaging. This also brings back in the idea of superposition and constructive interference.