Wavelength

 (λ) - the shortest distance between equal points wave.





Electronic Structure

- Wavelength is usually expressed in nanometers (1 nm = 1 x 10⁻⁹ m).
- I told you those pesky prefixes would come back to haunt you!!!





- _____(*n*) is the number of waves that pass a given point per second.
- _____ (Hz), the SI unit of frequency, equals one wave per second (s $^{\text{-1}}$).







Wave Nature of Light

- All electromagnetic waves, including visible light, travel at a speed of 3.00 x 10⁸ m/s in a vacuum.
- Speed of light = c.





• As you can see from the equation, wavelength and frequency are _____ related.





Electromagnetic Radiation

- When we say "light," we generally are referring to visible light—a type of electromagnetic radiation.
- Visible light constitutes a very small segment of the electromagnetic spectrum, which is composed of various types of electromagnetic radiation in order of increasing wavelength.
- Electromagnetic Spectrum

Calculating Wavelength

- Microwaves are used to transmit information. What is the wavelength of a microwave having a frequency of 3.44 x 10⁹ Hz?
- NOTE: Wavelength (λ) MUST be in meters!!!
- NOTE: Frequency MUST be in Hertz!!!

Try this one...

A yellow light given off by a sodium vapor lamp has a wavelength of 589 nm. What is the frequency of the radiation? Try this one on your own...

A laser has a frequency of 4.69 x 10 14 s⁻¹. What is the wavelength?



	Energy	
• 6.63 x 10 ⁻³⁴ J	_ (h) has a value of · s	

- J is the symbol for the joule, the SI unit of energy.
- Don't forget...frequency must be in hertz

Example

A laser has a frequency of 4.69 x 10 $^{\rm 14}$ s $^{\rm -1}.$ How much energy is released?



• Calculate how much energy that an object can absorb from a light whose wavelength is 589 nm.



- De Broglie had been thinking that electron orbits had characteristics similar to those of waves.
- Note: m is the mass and MUST be in Kg, v is the velocity of the particle and MUST be in m/s.



Example

 What is the wavelength of an electron with a velocity of 5.97 x 10 ⁶ m/s if the mass of an electron in 9.11 x 10 ⁻²⁸ g?



• What velocity must a neutron move at for it to exhibit a wavelength of 501 pm if the mass of a neutron is 1.675 x 10 ⁻²⁴ g?



• What is the frequency of a green light which has a wavelength of 490 nm?

More examples

• What is the energy given off from the violet portion of the rainbow if the wavelength is 415 nm?

More examples

• What is the mass of a particle traveling at 955 m/s with a wavelength of 650 pm?