

## National 4 Physics Unit 3 Waves & Radiation

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ I am confident that I understand this and I can apply this to problems
- ? I have some understanding but I need to revise this some more
- ✗ I don't know this or I need help with this

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<b>3.1 Wave Characteristics</b>	Covered (✓)	How well can you do this?
1. Do I know that waves transfers energy from one place to another?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
2. Do I know that a Longitudinal wave is a compression wave?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
3. Do I know that a longitudinal wave is a wave in which the vibration is along the same direction as the wave is travelling?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
4. Do I know that a sound wave is a longitudinal wave?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
5. Do I know that a transverse wave is a wave in which the vibration is at right angles to the direction of travel?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
6. Do I know that the wavelength of a wave is the distance between one crest and the next crest or one trough and the next trough and is measured in metres (m)?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓
7. Can I find the wavelength of a wave from a diagram?		<b>x</b> ?   ✓

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8. Do I know that the amplitude of a wave is the distance from the middle of the wave to the crest or the middle of the wave to the trough?		x	?	✓
9. Do I know that the frequency of a wave is the number of waves per second and is measured in Hertz (Hz)?		x	?	✓
10. Can I find the frequency of a wave from a diagram?		x	?	✓
11. Do I know that wave speed is measured in metres per second (m/s)?		x	?	✓
12. Can I carry out calculations on distance, speed and time of waves using the formula $d = v \times t$ ?		x	?	✓
13. Can I carry out calculations on wave speed, frequency and wavelength using the formula $v = f \times \lambda$ ?		x	?	✓
<b>14. Do I know that diffraction happens when waves change direction when they move around objects or when waves spread out through small openings?</b>		x	?	✓
<b>15. Can I discuss the practical limitations of diffraction?</b>		x	?	✓
<b>16. Do I know that longer wavelength waves diffract more easily than shorter wavelength waves?</b>		x	?	✓

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3.2 Sound	Covered (✓)	How well can you do this?
1. Do I know that sound waves can only be transmitted through solids, liquids or gases?		x   ?   ✓
2. Can I describe an experiment showing how to measure the speed of sound in air?		x   ?   ✓
3. Do I know that the speed of sound in air (340m/s) is much slower than the speed of light in air (300,000,000m/s)?		x   ?   ✓
4. Can I identify sound wave patterns from an oscilloscope screen in terms of amplitude and frequency?		x   ?   ✓
5. Can I describe the effect on the signal pattern displayed on an oscilloscope screen or computer simulation due to a change in a) Loudness of sound b) Frequency of sound?		x   ?   ✓
6. Can I measure everyday sound levels in my school using a sound level meter?		x   ?   ✓
7. Can I give at least four examples of everyday sound levels using the decibel scale?		x   ?   ✓
8. Do I know that noise pollution is any unwanted sound?		x   ?   ✓
9. Can I give examples of noise pollution such as loud music, alarm bells, pneumatic drills, jet aircraft engines?		x   ?   ✓

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10. Have I discussed the risks to human hearing due to noise pollution?		x	?	✓
11. Do I know that high frequency deafness is a common hearing defect?		x	?	✓
12. Have I discussed methods of protecting human hearing using ear protectors?		x	?	✓
13. Can I give examples of how sonar is used in depth location for example, to find shoals of fish or to map the sea floor?		x	?	✓
14. Do I know the range of human hearing is 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz?		x	?	✓
15. Do I know that high frequency sounds above 20,000 Hz are called ultrasounds?		x	?	✓
16. Can I give examples of applications of ultrasound in medicine?		x	?	✓
17. Have I explored sound reproduction technologies?		x	?	✓
18. Can I discuss how noise cancellation works in relation to noise-cancelling headphones and noise cancellation technology in Humvees and helicopters?		x	?	✓
19. Have I investigated the sound produced from tuning forks and the production of notes from musical instruments?		x	?	✓
20. Have I explored technology used to record and enhance sound?		x	?	✓

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<b>3.3 Electromagnetic Spectrum</b>	Covered (✓)	How well can you do this?
1. Do I know that the EM spectrum is a large group of waves with a wide range of wavelengths and frequencies BUT they ALL travel at the same speed (300,000,000 m/s)?		x   ?   ✓
2. Do I know that the waves in the electromagnetic spectrum are called gamma, x-rays, ultraviolet, visible light, infrared, microwaves, TV and radio waves?		x   ?   ✓
<b>3. Can I name the waves in the EM Spectrum which have the highest frequencies and therefore shortest wavelengths?</b>		x   ?   ✓
<b>4. Can I name the waves in the EM Spectrum which have the lowest frequencies and therefore longest wavelengths?</b>		x   ?   ✓
<b>5. Do I know that the greater the frequency of wave the more energy it carries?</b>		x   ?   ✓
6. Have I discussed applications and sources of electromagnetic radiations in industry and leisure?		x   ?   ✓
7. Have I investigated the detection of EM radiations?  This could include microwave leakage from electrical devices (eg ovens, TV's, mobile phones, tablet computer and Wi-Fi hubs), Display of pulses from a remote control handset using phototransistors, IR sensitive sheets, Dye/Paint sensitive to UV radiation, Spectral analyse plot on digital camera display or photo editing software.		x   ?   ✓

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8. Have I investigated typical jobs in industry and leisure which would make use of electromagnetic radiations?		x	?	✓
9. Have I investigated possible hazards when using EM radiation?		x	?	✓
11. Have I discussed the safety precautions that need to be taken when using radiations?		x	?	✓
12. Can I describe what is meant by refraction of light in terms of wave speed?		x	?	✓
13. Can I identify from a diagram the angle of incidence, angle of refraction and the normal?		x	?	✓
14. What is meant by the critical angle?		x	?	✓
15. Can I describe an experiment showing how to measure the critical angle?		x	?	✓
16. Can I draw ray diagrams for the eye which show the focussing of light on the retina for NORMAL, LONG and SHORT sight?		x	?	✓
17. Can I draw ray diagrams to show how a concave lens can correct short sight?		x	?	✓
18. Can I draw ray diagrams to show how a convex lens can correct long sight?		x	?	✓

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<b>3.4 Nuclear Radiation</b>	Covered (✓)	How well can you do this?
1.Can I describe a simple model of the atom which includes protons, neutrons and electrons?		x   ?   ✓
2.Do I know that Alpha radiation is a particle made up of two protons and two neutrons (nucleus of a helium atom)?		x   ?   ✓
3.Do I know that Beta radiation is a very small, fast moving particle called an electron?		x   ?   ✓
4.Do I know that Gamma radiation is a high energy EM wave?		x   ?   ✓
5. Can I explain what is meant by ionization?		x   ?   ✓
6. Do I know that nuclear radiation causes ionization?		x   ?   ✓
5. Do I know what materials will absorb Alpha, Beta or Gamma radiation?		x   ?   ✓
6.Can I give at least two examples of sources of background radiation?		x   ?   ✓
7.Have I researched how to extract naturally occurring radioactive materials?		x   ?   ✓
8.Have I discussed artificial sources of radiation?		x   ?   ✓

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9. Do I know that radiation can kill or damage living cells?		x	?	✓
10. Can I research society's reliance on radioactivity for a range of medical and industrial applications of nuclear radiation including energy sources?		x	?	✓
11. Can I compare the risks involved due to nuclear radiation?		x	?	✓
<b>12. Can I use and understand the calculations based on the absorbed dose (<math>D = E/m</math>) and the equivalent dose (<math>H = Dw</math>)?</b>		x	?	✓
<b>13. Can I compare the equivalent dose due to a variety of natural and artificial sources?</b>		x	?	✓
<b>14. Can I calculate the Activity of a source measured in Bequerels (<math>A = N/t</math>)?</b>		x	?	✓
<b>15. Can I investigate 'Half-Life' and its importance in medical and industrial applications?</b>		x	?	✓
16. Can I use graphical and numerical data to determine half-life?		x	?	✓
17. Can I investigate environmental hazards of nuclear radiation?		x	?	✓
18. Can I discuss how you would manage the risks involved with nuclear radiation?		x	?	✓
19. Can I research natural sources (eg Radon) and man-made sources (eg Plutonium) of nuclear radiation?		x	?	✓

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		x   ?   ✓
20. Can I research the effects of nuclear radiation of living things (eg leukaemia)?		x   ?   ✓
21. Can I research the effects of nuclear radiation on non-living things (eg scintillation, sparks between high voltages)?		x   ?   ✓
22. Can I discuss the pros and cons of generating electricity using nuclear fuel?		x   ?   ✓
23. Can I use data to compare the risk due to nuclear radiation and other environmental factors?		x   ?   ✓
24. Discuss how to manage the risks of nuclear radiation and environmental hazards.		x   ?   ✓
<b>25. Can I describe qualitatively fission and fusion emphasising the importance of these processes in the generation of energy?</b>		x   ?   ✓