

# 2009-10 Harmonic Motion 1

Harmonic Motion: Yes or No?		1. Period 2. Equilibrium position 3. Amplitude 4. Damping 5. Frequency 6. Cycle 7. Hertz	A. The number of cycles per second. B. A unit of one cycle per second. C. The size or strength of a cycle. D. Time it takes to complete one cycle. E. A part of motion that repeats over and over with a set series of events. F. Halfway between the two sides and where the motion comes to rest. G. The motion dying out over time.
Pendulum: _____	A bouncing ball: _____		
Ocean waves: _____	A ruler pulled from one side and released: _____		
A child on a swing: _____	A person jumping up and down: _____		
Jumping Jacks: _____	A spinning ball: _____		
Bouncing spring: _____			

*Period, Frequency, or Amplitude?*

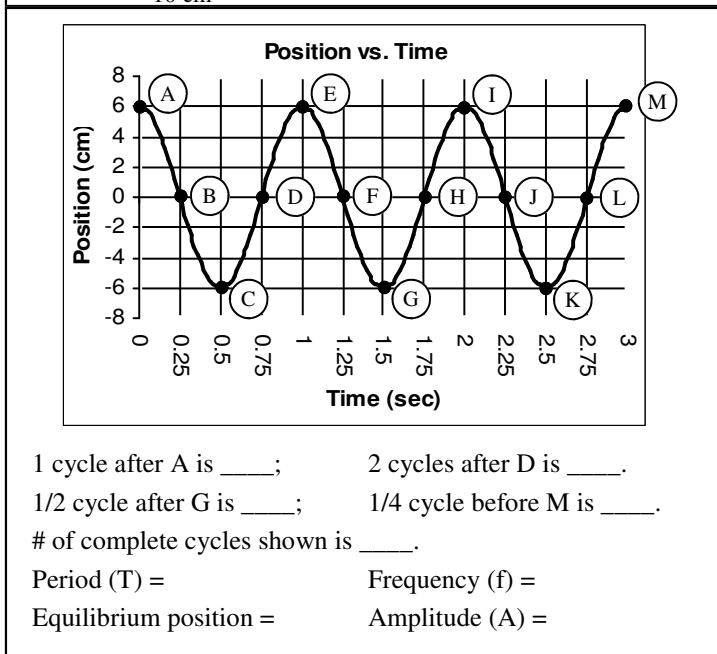
\_\_\_\_\_ Doesn't change period.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ More of this means more energy.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Increases as a pendulum swings back and forth faster.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Measured in cycles per second.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Measured in meters or centimeters.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ This decreases with a smaller swing.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ If the frequency increases, this decreases.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Measured in Hertz.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Measured in seconds.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ If it swings back and forth slower, this decreases.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ As it dampens, this decreases.

A moving spring: at A and C it turns around.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Where is its equilibrium position?  
 If the spring starts at position A, how much of a cycle does it complete from A to C?

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ If the spring moves 10 cm from C to A (side to side), how big is its amplitude?



Where is the equilibrium position for this pendulum?

If the pendulum starts at C going to the right, where does 1 cycle end?

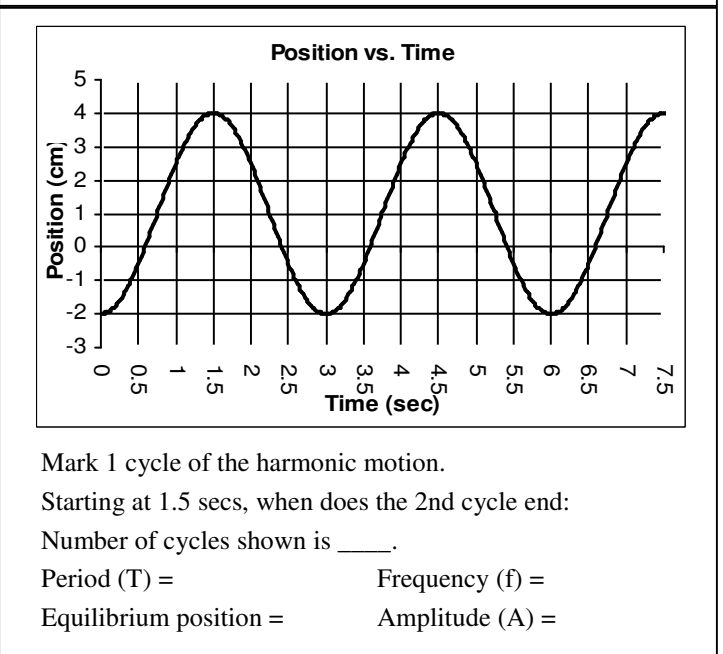
From letter A to letter \_\_\_\_\_ would be the amplitude.

If the pendulum starts at A, how many times does it pass point C in 1 cycle?

An spring has a period of 4 seconds. What is its frequency?

A pendulum has a frequency of 3 Hz. What is its period?

A pendulum takes 10 seconds to complete 2 cycles.  
 A) What is its period?  
 B) What is its frequency?



Use the “Harmonic Motion Basics” table to answer the following:

- Give the variables and units for the following quantities:  
A. Period: \_\_\_\_\_; B. Amplitude: \_\_\_\_\_; C. Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_; D. Wavelength: \_\_\_\_\_
- If the period of a pendulum is 4 seconds, find the frequency of the pendulum.
- If the frequency of a wave is 1.35 Hz, find its period.
- If the frequency of a wave is 0.02 Hz, find its period.
- If the frequency gets bigger, the period gets \_\_\_\_\_.

*Example 1: Find the period of a pendulum that is 45 cm long.*

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$$

The square root sign is the opposite of a square.  $4^2 = 16$  and  $\sqrt{16} = 4$   
On your calculator push “2nd” then “x<sup>2</sup>” or “INV” “x<sup>2</sup>”.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{0.45}{10}}$$

←  $\ell$  must be in meters. And 100 cm = 1 m

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{0.045}$$

$$T = 2\pi(.212)$$

$$T = 1.33\text{sec}$$

- Find the period of a pendulum that is 80 cm long.
- What is the period of a spring-mass system if the spring has a spring constant of 25 N/m with a 1.5 kg object on it. (Make sure to use the spring-mass system equation—not the one for a pendulum.)

Check on the website for the TAKS HW.