

Sound and Music Worksheet

Match both the science/engineering terms on the left and the music terms on the right with the definitions in the middle. You will use some of the definitions twice.

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| ___ Low Frequency | A. Waves in the air caused by vibrations | ___ Low note |
| ___ Longitudinal Waves | B. Waves that move in one direction, but "wave" in another direction | ___ Pitch |
| ___ Frequency | C. Waves that move and "wave" in the same direction | ___ Dynamic level |
| ___ High Amplitude | D. The distance between one wave and the next wave | ___ Soft note |
| ___ White Noise | E. How often a single wave goes by | ___ Music |
| ___ Amplitude | F. How big the difference is between the high points and the low points of the waves | ___ High note |
| ___ Sound Waves | G. Big difference between highs and lows | ___ Sounds |
| ___ Standing Waves | H. Small difference between highs and lows | ___ Loud note |
| ___ Transverse Waves | I. Lots of short waves | |
| ___ Wavelength | J. Very few long waves | |
| ___ High Frequency | K. Waves that can keep vibrating in or on something for a long time because they "fit" | |
| ___ Low Amplitude | L. A sound that is a mixture of all wavelengths | |
| | M. Sounds that are organized by people | |

Give short answers:

1. Can sound travel through empty space? Why or why not?
2. How are sound waves like water waves? How are they not like water waves?
3. Name 2 ways a player of a musical instrument can change the sound of the instrument.
4. How can an instrument with only 4 strings get more than 4 different pitches?
5. When a trumpet player pushes down a valve, she opens an extra loop of tubing. What does this do to the trumpet? To the sound?