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Waves combine harmonic motion and linear motion.


Ocean waves oscillate (move up and down): this is Harmonic Motion

Waves can go through things: waves go through water; light waves can go through your skin; sound waves can goes through walls. If it can go through something, it is a wave.

## Two Types of Waves

Transverse waves (slinky moving side to side or up and down) - moves perpendicular to the direction of the wave. Ocean waves are transverse waves, moving forward, but the oscillating up and down.

Longitudinal waves (also called compression waves - a slinky pushed and pulled) - moves parallel (same direction) to the wave motion. Sound waves are longitudinal waves - the sound moves forward and the oscillations move back and forth.

## Transverse Wave (Perpendicular to direction of wave)



## Longitudinal Wave (Parallel to direction of wave)



Earthquakes are made up of both transverse and longitudinal waves. The transverse waves do the most damage.

## Speed and Wavelength

Different waves have different speeds and different wavelengths.

The Speed (velocity) of a Wave


| Ex. Find the speed of a 20 Hz wave <br> that has a 5 meter wavelength. |  |
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| $\mathrm{f}=20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | $\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{f} \lambda$ |
| $\lambda=5 \mathrm{~m}$ | $\mathrm{v}=(20 \mathrm{~Hz}) \mathrm{x}(5 \mathrm{~m})$ |
| $\mathrm{v}=?$ | $\mathrm{v}=100 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ |

New Terms: Wavelength ( $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ ) - the length of one cycle of the wave. Crest-top peak
Trough-bottom peak


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