All About Waves—Notes Outline

A	is a disturbance that carries	from one place to another.
is NOT carried with the wave! A wave can move through matter (a).		
If it must have a medium, it is called wave. If it can travel without a medium		
(su	ch as in space), it is called wave.	
Wave Types		
1.	waves: Waves in which the medium	
	moves at angles to the wave direction.	
	Parts of a transverse wave:	Transverse
	: the highest point of the wave	wave Wavelength
	trough: the point of the wave	
2.	(longitudinal) wave: Waves in which	Compression Expansion
	the medium moves in the	
	same direction as the wave.	Longitudinal wave - Wavelength
	Parts of a compressional wave:	Copyright @ 2005 Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc.
	: where the particles are close together	Comparing transverse and longitudinal waves
	: where the particles are spread apart	Comparing transverse and longitudinal waves.
Wa	ave properties depend on what	_ makes the wave.
1.	: The distance between one point on a wave	and the
	on the next wave.	
2.	: How many waves go past a point in	; measured in (Hz). The
	higher the frequency, the more in the wave.	
3: How far the medium (crests and troughs, or compressions and rarefactions		r compressions and rarefactions) moves
	from (the place the medium is w	when not moving). The energy
	a wave carries, the its amplitude. Amplitude	e is related to energy by
4.	: Depends on the medium the wave is traveling in. This varies in,	
	and	
	Equation for calculating wave speed:	
	wave speed = $(in m) x (in Hz)$	
<i>Problem:</i> So- if a wave has a wave speed of 1000 m/s and a frequency of 500 Hz, what is its		
wa	ve length? Answer: wavelength=	
Ch	nanging Wave Direction	
1.	: When waves off a surface.	If the surface is
	, the angle at which the wave hits the surf	face will be the
	as the angle that the wave the second	he surface. In
	other words, the angle equals the angle	This is called the
2.	: Waves can; this happens w	when a wave enters
	a and its; the amount of ben	iding depends on
	the medium it is entering	
3.	: The bending of waves an o	bject. The amount
	of bending depends on the and the _	·
	obstacle, wavelength =	low diffraction A demonstration
	obstacle, wavelength =	large diffraction of refraction.