

Energy Homework **Answer Key**

Helpful Hints: 1 meter = 10^9 nanometers
Assume all waves are traveling in a vacuum, unless otherwise noted.

1. List the electromagnetic spectrum from highest to lowest energy.

Gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet rays, visible light, infrared, microwaves, radio waves

2. List the electromagnetic spectrum from longest to shortest wavelength.

Radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet rays, x-rays, gamma rays

3. Calculate the frequency of ultraviolet A with a wavelength of 350 nm.

$$c = \lambda \nu \quad \text{so} \quad \nu = c / \lambda$$

First, change 350 nanometers to meters.

$$350 \text{ nm} \times 1 \text{ meter} / 10^9 \text{ nanometers} = 3.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ meters}$$

$$\nu = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} / 3.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ meters} = 8.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

4. Calculate the energy, in quanta, of the ray above.

$$E = h\nu$$

$$E = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{S} \times 8.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1} = 5.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joules}$$

5. Calculate the frequency of a wave traveling with a wavelength of 1.2 meters.
What type of ray would this most likely be?

$$c = \lambda \nu \quad \text{so} \quad \nu = c / \lambda$$

$$\nu = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} / 1.2 \text{ meters} = 2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

radio wave

6. Calculate the energy of a photon traveling with a frequency of $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

$$E = h\nu$$

$$E = (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{S}) (1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}) = 6.6 \times 10^{-29} \text{ Joules}$$

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7. Copper absorbs energy with a wavelength of 510 nm. If 2.20×10^4 J of energy is emitted, calculate the number of copper atoms that were present. Assume 1 atom emits 1 quantum.

$$c = \lambda \nu \quad E = h \nu$$

$$\nu = 3.00 \times 10^8 / 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ meters} = 2.0 \times 10^{15} \text{ 1/s}$$

$$E_{\text{photon}} = (2.0 \times 10^{15} \text{ 1/s}) (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{S}) = 1.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ Joules}$$

Since 1 photon emits 1.3×10^{-18} Joules and 1 atom emits 1 photon then:

$$2.20 \times 10^4 \text{ Joules} / 1.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ Joules} = 1.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms Cu}$$

8. In problem 7, how many grams of copper were present?

$$1.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms Cu} \times 1 \text{ mole Cu} / 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms} \times 63.55 \text{ g Cu} / 1 \text{ mole Cu}$$

$$= 1.8 \text{ grams Cu}$$

9. Calculate the frequency of a wave of wavelength 1.50×10^2 centimeters traveling at 80 % of the speed of light in a vacuum?

$$c = \lambda \nu, \text{ so } \nu = c / \lambda$$

$$\nu = (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \times .80) / (.015 \text{ meters}) = 1.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ 1/s}$$

10. Calculate the energy for visible light of wavelength 400 nm, 550 nm and 700 nm. Graph energy vs. wavelength. What can be said about the relationship of energy to wavelength?

$$c = \lambda \nu \quad E = h \nu$$

$$\text{Energy for 400 nm} = 4.97 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\text{Energy for 550 nm} = 3.61 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\text{Energy for 700 nm} = 2.84 \times 10^{-19}$$

Energy increases with decreasing wavelength

