

# Anatomy of a Wave Worksheet

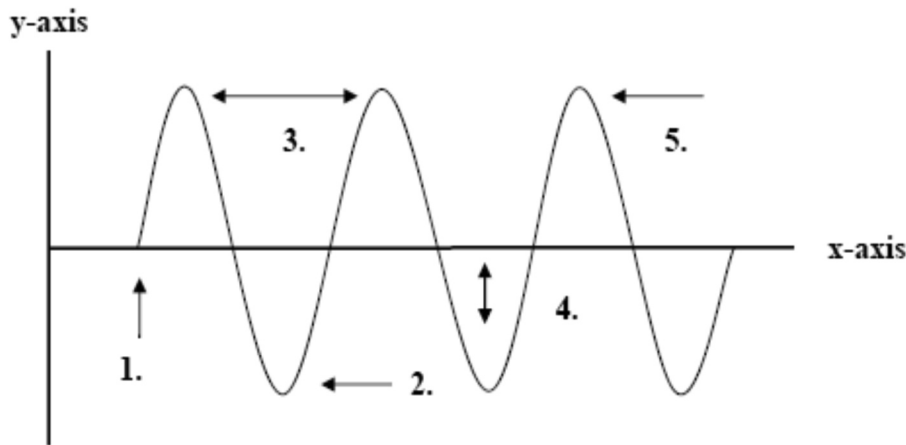
**Objective:** Identify the parts of a wave and draw your own diagrams of waves.

**Background:** Many types of waves exist, including electromagnetic waves and mechanical waves. Waves move in different ways and have different properties.

## Part 1

In the diagram below, identify the parts of a wave by using the provided definitions.

- # \_\_\_ = **crest**            The highest point of the wave above the line of origin.
- # \_\_\_ = **trough**            The lowest point of the wave below the line of origin.
- # \_\_\_ = **line of origin**    Signifies the original position of the medium.
- # \_\_\_ = **wavelength**      The distance between two consecutive crests.
- # \_\_\_ = **amplitude**        The distance from the line of origin to a crest or trough of a wave.



## Part 2

On separate sheets of graph paper, draw four different waves with the following measurements.

Label the parts and include the measurements.

wave #	crest	trough	wavelength
1	1 cm	1 cm	2 cm
2	3.5 cm	3.5 cm	2.5 cm
3	.5 cm	.5 cm	3 cm
4	2 cm	2cm	.5 cm

**Concluding question:** State which wave you think has the *highest frequency* and which might have the *lowest frequency*. Explain the reasons for your selections.