

# Physics Equations Sheet

## GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (8464) and GCSE Combined Science: Synergy (8465)

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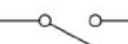

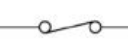









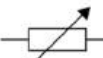

kinetic energy = $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$	$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$
elastic potential energy = $0.5 \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{extension})^2$	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e^2$
gravitational potential energy = mass $\times$ gravitational field strength $\times$ height	$E_p = m g h$
change in thermal energy = mass $\times$ specific heat capacity $\times$ temperature change	$\Delta E = m c \Delta \theta$
power = $\frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
power = $\frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$	
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$	
charge flow = current $\times$ time	$Q = I t$
potential difference = current $\times$ resistance	$V = I R$
power = potential difference $\times$ current	$P = V I$
power = (current) <sup>2</sup> $\times$ resistance	$P = I^2 R$
energy transferred = power $\times$ time	$E = P t$

	energy transferred = charge flow × potential difference	$E = QV$
HT	<b>potential difference across primary coil × current in primary coil = potential difference across secondary coil × current in secondary coil</b>	$V_p I_p = V_s I_s$
	density = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$
	thermal energy for a change of state = mass × specific latent heat	$E = mL$
	weight = mass × gravitational field strength	$W = mg$
	work done = force × distance (along the line of action of the force)	$W = Fs$
	force = spring constant × extension	$F = ke$
	distance travelled = speed × time	$s = vt$
	acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$	$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$
	(final velocity) <sup>2</sup> – (initial velocity) <sup>2</sup> = 2 × acceleration × distance	$v^2 - u^2 = 2as$
	resultant force = mass × acceleration	$F = ma$
HT	<b>momentum = mass × velocity</b>	$p = mv$
	period = $\frac{1}{\text{frequency}}$	$T = \frac{1}{f}$
	wave speed = frequency × wavelength	$v = f\lambda$
HT	<b>force on a conductor (at right angles to a magnetic field) carrying a current = magnetic flux density × current × length</b>	$F = BIl$

Physics 1: Energy				Section 3: Energy Resources				
Section 1: Energy stores and methods of transfer				Resource	Renewable?	Uses	Advantages	Disadvantages
Chemical store	Energy stored as chemicals waiting to <b>react</b> .			Fossil Fuels	Non-Renewable	Electricity, transport, heating	<b>Reliable</b> – electricity can be generated all of the time. Relatively <b>cheap</b> way of generating electricity.	Produces <b>carbon dioxide</b> , a greenhouse gas that causes <b>global warming</b> . Can produce <b>sulphur dioxide</b> , a gas that causes <b>acid rain</b> .
Kinetic store	Energy stored in objects that <b>move</b> .			Nuclear Fuel	Non-Renewable	Electricity	Produces <b>no carbon dioxide</b> when generating electricity. <b>Reliable</b> – electricity can be generated all of the time.	Produces <b>nuclear waste</b> that stays <b>radioactive</b> for thousands of years. <b>Expensive</b> to build and <b>decommission</b> power stations.
Gravitational Potential store	Energy stored in objects raised up against the force of <b>gravity</b> .			Bio Fuel	Renewable	Heating, electricity	<b>Carbon neutral</b> . <b>Reliable</b> – electricity can be generated all of the time.	Production of fuel may damage ecosystems and create a <b>monoculture</b> .
Elastic Potential store	Energy stored in an object that have been <b>stretched</b> .			Wind	Renewable	Electricity	<b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b> produced while generating electricity.	<b>Unreliable</b> – may not produce electricity during <b>low wind</b> . <b>Expensive</b> to construct.
Internal store	Energy stored in the movement of particles. A combination of the <b>kinetic</b> energy of the particles and the <b>potential</b> energy of particles that are apart from each other. Can be changed by <b>heating / cooling</b> .			Hydroelectricity	Renewable	Electricity	<b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b> produced while generating electricity.	Blocks rivers stopping <b>fish migration</b> . <b>Unreliable</b> – may not produce electricity during <b>droughts</b> .
Nuclear store	Energy stored in the <b>nuclei</b> of atoms.			Geothermal	Renewable	Electricity, heating	Does not damage <b>ecosystems</b> . <b>Reliable</b> source of electricity generation.	Fluids drawn from ground may contain <b>greenhouse gases</b> such as <b>CO<sub>2</sub></b> and <b>methane</b> . These contribute to <b>global warming</b> .
Magnetic store	Energy stored in <b>magnets</b> that are <b>attracting</b> or <b>repelling</b> .			Tidal	Renewable	Electricity	<b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b> produced while generating electricity.	<b>Unreliable</b> – <b>tides vary</b> . May damage <b>tidal ecosystem</b> e.g. mudflats.
Electrostatic store	Energy stored in <b>electric charges</b> that are <b>attracting</b> or <b>repelling</b> .			Waves	Renewable	Electricity	<b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b> produced while generating electricity.	<b>Unreliable</b> – may not produce electricity during <b>calm</b> seas.
Mechanical transfer	Energy transferred when a <b>force moves through a distance</b> .			Solar	Renewable	Electricity, heating	<b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b> produced while generating electricity.	<b>Unreliable</b> – does not produce electricity at <b>night</b> . <b>Expensive</b> to construct.
Electrical transfer	Energy transferred when a <b>charge moves</b> .			Section 4: Key terms				
Wave transfer	Energy transferred by <b>waves</b> e.g. sound & light.			Dissipation		Energy becoming <b>spread out</b> instead of in a concentrated store. “Wasted” energy.		
Heat transfer	Energy transferred when an object is <b>heated</b> .			Lubrication		A method of reducing unwanted energy transfers by application of a <b>lubricant</b> (e.g. <b>oil</b> ) to <b>reduce friction</b> . Occurs in machines.		
Section 2: Important equations – you will be given the equation in the exam <b>BUT</b> you must learn the <b>units</b> and know how to use the equation				Insulation		A method of reducing energy transfers by the use of <b>insulators</b> (non-conductive material). Occurs in buildings.		
Calculation	Equation (given on equations sheet)	Symbols	Units ( <b>must learn</b> )	Conservation of energy		The law that states that <b>energy cannot be created or destroyed</b> .		
Kinetic energy store	Kinetic energy = 0.5 x mass x velocity <sup>2</sup>	$E_k = 0.5 m v^2$	<b>Energy</b> – Joules (J) <b>Mass</b> – kilograms (kg) <b>Velocity</b> – metres per second (m/s)	Specific heat capacity		The energy needed to raise <b>1kg</b> of a material by <b>1°C</b> .		
Gravitational potential energy store	Gravitational potential energy = mass x gravitational field strength x height	$E_p = m g h$		<b>Gravitational field strength</b> – Newtons per kilogram (N/kg) <b>Height</b> – metres (m)	Efficiency		Efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}}$	
Power	Power = energy transferred ÷ time	$P = \frac{E}{t}$	<b>Power</b> – Watts (W) <b>Time</b> – seconds (s) <b>Work done</b> – Joules (J)	Efficiency		Efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$		
Power	Power = work done ÷ time	$P = \frac{W}{t}$		<b>Specific heat capacity</b> – Joules per kilogram degrees Centigrade (J/Kg°C)	Specific Heat Capacity		Change in thermal energy = mass x specific heat capacity x temperature change	
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# Physics 2: Electricity

## Section 1: Circuit Symbols

	switch (open)		lamp
	switch (closed)		fuse
	cell		voltmeter
	battery		ammeter
	diode		thermistor
	resistor		LDR
	variable resistor		LED

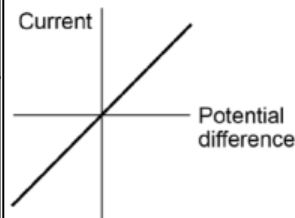
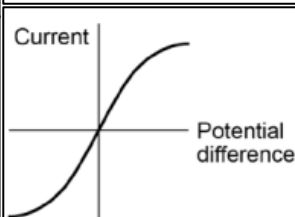
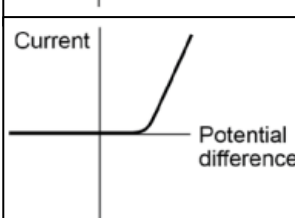
## Section 4: V, I and R in Series and Parallel

Type of circuit	Current	Potential Difference	Resistance
Series	The current is the <b>same</b> at every point in the circuit and in every component.	The total potential difference is <b>shared</b> between the components.	The <b>more resistors, the greater the resistance</b> . The total resistance of a circuit is the sum of the resistance of each component. $R_{total} = R_1 + R_2$
Parallel	The <b>total current</b> through the whole circuit is the <b>sum of the currents through the separate components</b> .	The potential difference across each component is the <b>same</b> .	Adding <b>more resistors</b> in parallel <b>decreases resistance</b> . The <b>total resistance</b> of two resistors is <b>less than the resistance of the smallest individual resistor</b> .

## Section 6: The Three Core Cable

Live	<b>Brown</b> colour. <b>Current flows</b> to the appliance. Potential difference between this and other wires should be <b>230V</b> .
Neutral	<b>Blue</b> colour. Current taken away from appliance. Potential difference should be <b>0V</b> .
Earth	<b>Yellow</b> and <b>green</b> colour. Potential difference of <b>0V</b> . Carries charge to Earth if live wire touches the metal casing of an appliance.

## Section 5: IV Graphs

	<b>Fixed Resistor (Ohmic Conductor)</b> Current and potential difference are <b>directly proportional</b> . <b>Resistance is constant</b> .
	<b>Filament Lamp</b> Resistance of a filament lamp is <b>not constant</b> . As temperature increases, resistance increases. <b>Ions</b> within the lamp <b>vibrate more</b> , increasing <b>collisions</b> with electrons.
	<b>Diode/ LED</b> The <b>current</b> through a diode flows in <b>one direction only</b> . The diode has a <b>very high resistance in the reverse direction</b> .

## Section 2: Important Equations – given in exam but must learn units

Equation	Symbols	Units
Charge flow = current x time	$Q = I \times t$	<b>Charge flow</b> - coulomb (C)
Potential difference = current x resistance	$V = I \times R$	
Power = potential difference x current	$P = V \times I$	<b>Current</b> – amperes (A)
Power = current <sup>2</sup> x resistance	$P = I^2 \times R$	<b>Time</b> – seconds (s)
Energy transferred = power x time	$E = P \times t$	<b>Potential difference</b> – volts (V)
Energy transferred = charge flow x potential difference	$E = Q \times V$	<b>Resistance</b> – ohms ( $\Omega$ )
		<b>Power</b> – watt (W)
		<b>Energy</b> = joules (J)

## Section 3: Key Terms

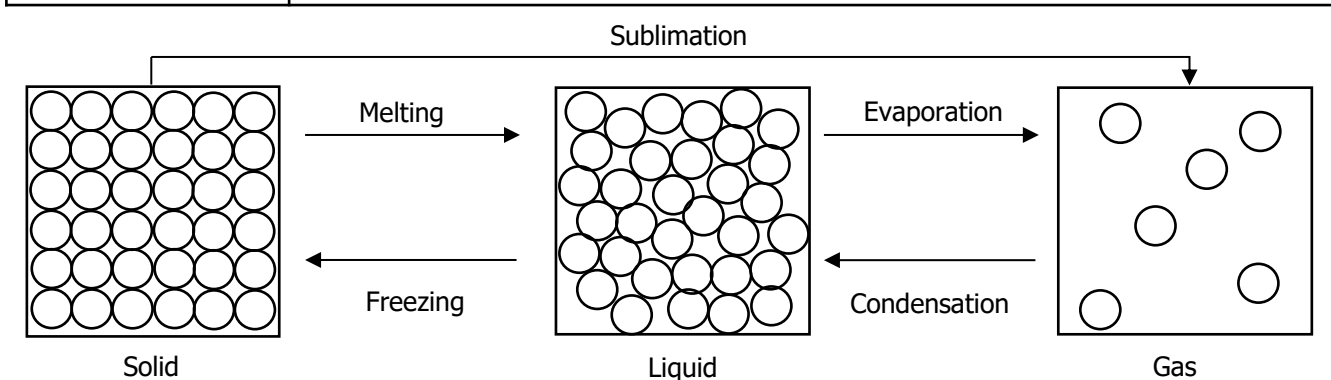
Electric current	The <b>flow</b> of <b>electric charge</b> .
Potential difference	The potential difference between two points in an electric circuit is the <b>work done when a coulomb of charge passes between the points</b> . Potential difference <b>causes charge to flow</b> .
Resistance	Resistance is caused by anything that <b>opposes the flow of electric charge</b> .
Charge	Anything charged that is able to move within a circuit. <b>Electrons</b> or <b>ions</b> .
Series	A circuit with only <b>one route</b> for charge to take.
Parallel	A circuit with <b>more than one route</b> for charge to take.

## Section 7: Mains Electricity

Alternating Current	The <b>current</b> regularly <b>changes direction</b> e.g. <b>mains electricity</b>
Direct Current	The <b>current</b> flows in <b>one direction only</b> e.g. <b>batteries</b> .
Mains Electricity	UK mains is an <b>alternating current</b> of <b>230V</b> and at a frequency of <b>50Hz</b> .
National Grid	A series of <b>cables</b> and <b>transformers</b> linking power stations to consumers.
Step-up Transformer	<b>Increases the potential difference</b> for <b>transmission</b> across power cables. This <b>reduces the current</b> and <b>therefore less heat is lost</b> from the cables. This makes the National Grid <b>efficient</b> .
Step-down Transformer	<b>Reduces the potential difference</b> from the cables to <b>230V</b> for use by consumers.

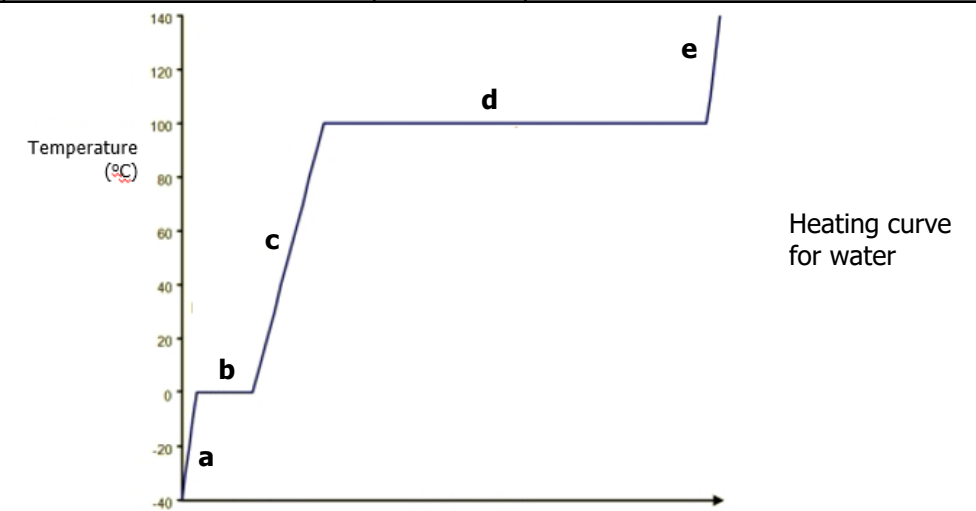
# Physics 3: Particle Model of Matter

Section 1: Key Terms	
Density	How much <b>mass</b> a substance contains <b>compared to its volume</b> . Solids are usually dense because the particles are closely packed.
State of matter	The way in which the <b>particles are arranged</b> – solid, liquid or gas.
Change of state	When a substance <b>changes from one state of matter</b> to another (e.g. melting is the change from a solid to a liquid). Energy changes the state, not the temperature.
Physical change	A change that can be <b>reversed</b> to recover the original material. <b>E.g. a change of state.</b>
Chemical change	A change that <b>creates new products</b> . It <b>cannot easily be reversed</b> . E.g. a chemical reaction.
Internal energy	The <b>energy stored</b> inside a system <b>by the particles</b> (atoms and molecules) that make up the system. Internal energy is the <b>total kinetic energy and potential energy of all the particles</b> .
Kinetic energy	<b>Energy stored</b> within <b>moving objects</b> (e.g. particles).
Potential energy	<b>Energy stored</b> in <b>particles</b> because of their <b>position</b> . The <b>further apart</b> particles are, <b>the greater the potential energy</b> .
Specific heat capacity	The specific heat capacity of a substance is the <b>amount of energy</b> required to raise the temperature of <b>one kilogram</b> of the substance <b>by one degree Celsius</b> .
Temperature	The <b>average</b> kinetic energy of the <b>particles</b> .
Specific latent heat	The <b>amount of energy</b> required to <b>change the state of one kilogram</b> of the substance with <b>no change in temperature</b> .
Latent heat of fusion	<b>Energy required</b> to change state from <b>solid to liquid</b> .
Latent heat of vaporisation	<b>Energy required</b> to change state from <b>liquid to vapour (gas)</b> .
Gas Pressure	The <b>force</b> exerted by gases on a surface as the <b>particles collide</b> with it. <b>As temperature increases, gas pressure increases</b> if the volume stays constant.



## Section 2: Important equations – you will be given the equation in the exam BUT you must learn the units and know how to use the equation

Calculation	Equation (given on equations sheet)	Symbols	Units ( <b>must learn</b> )
Density	Density = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$	$\rho = \frac{m}{v}$	Density = kilograms / metre <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) Mass = kilograms (kg) Volume = metres <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> )
Specific Latent Heat	Energy for change of state = mass x specific latent heat	$E = m L$	Energy – Joules (J) Mass – kilograms (Kg) Latent heat – joules per kilogram (J/kg)



## Section 3: Explaining a heating curve

<b>a. Solid</b>	Particles are closely packed, fixed and arranged in regular layers. As more energy is absorbed the kinetic energy and therefore the internal energy of the material increases.
<b>b. Melting</b>	Temperature doesn't change. Energy is used to weaken the forces between particles. As more energy is absorbed the potential energy and therefore the internal energy of the material increases.
<b>c. Liquid</b>	Particles are touching but no longer arranged regularly. They are able to move. As more energy is absorbed the kinetic energy and therefore the internal energy of the material increases.
<b>d. Evaporation</b>	Temperature doesn't change. Energy is used to weaken the forces between particles. As more energy is absorbed the potential energy and therefore the internal energy of the material increases.
<b>e. Gas</b>	Particles move randomly. As more energy is absorbed the particles move more quickly and the temperature increases.

# Physics 4: Atomic Structure

## Section 1: Key Terms

Atom	The <b>smallest part of an element</b> that can exist. All substances are made of atoms. <b>No overall electrical charge. Very small</b> , radius of 0.1nm.
Isotope	An atom of the <b>same element</b> with <b>different numbers of neutrons</b> .
Radioactive decay	When an <b>unstable nucleus changes to become more stable</b> and <b>gives out radiation. Random.</b>
Radioactive activity	The <b>rate at which decay occurs</b> . Measured in <b>becquerels (Bq)</b> .
Count rate	<b>Number of decays</b> recorded <b>each second</b> by a Geiger-Muller tube.
Half life	The <b>time it takes</b> for the <b>number of nuclei of the isotope in a sample to halve</b> Or, The <b>time it takes for the count rate</b> (or activity) from a sample containing the isotope <b>to fall to half its initial level.</b>
Contamination	The <b>unwanted presence of materials containing radioactive atoms</b> e.g. within liquids, with the body/ on the skin.
Irradiation	When an object is <b>exposed to radiation</b> . The object does not become radioactive itself.
Ionisation	Radiation can ionize by <b>removing electrons from atoms to form ions</b> . If this happens in <b>DNA</b> it could lead to a <b>mutation that causes cancer</b> .
Peer review	The <b>checking of scientific results</b> by other <b>scientific experts</b> .

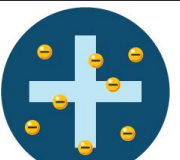
## Section 2: Properties of Sub-Atomic Particles

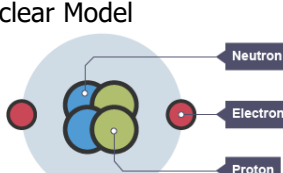
Sub-atomic particle	Mass	Charge	Position in Atom
Proton	1	+1	Nucleus
Neutron	1	0	Nucleus
Electron	Very small	-1	Orbiting in shells

**Mass number** – the total number of **protons** and **neutrons**



## Section 3: Development of Atomic Model

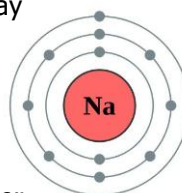
Plum Pudding  The plum pudding model shows that the atom is a **ball of positive charge** with **negative electrons embedded** in it. Was **incorrect**.

Nuclear Model  Rutherford's scattering experiment found a central area of positive charge. The nuclear model has a **positive nucleus** and **electrons in shells**. Later, neutrons were discovered and included in the nucleus.

**Atomic number** – the **number of protons** (the number of electrons is the same in an atom)

### Energy levels:

Absorption of radiation may lead to electrons moving further from the nucleus (higher energy level). Emission of radiation may lead to electrons moving closer to the nucleus (lower energy level).



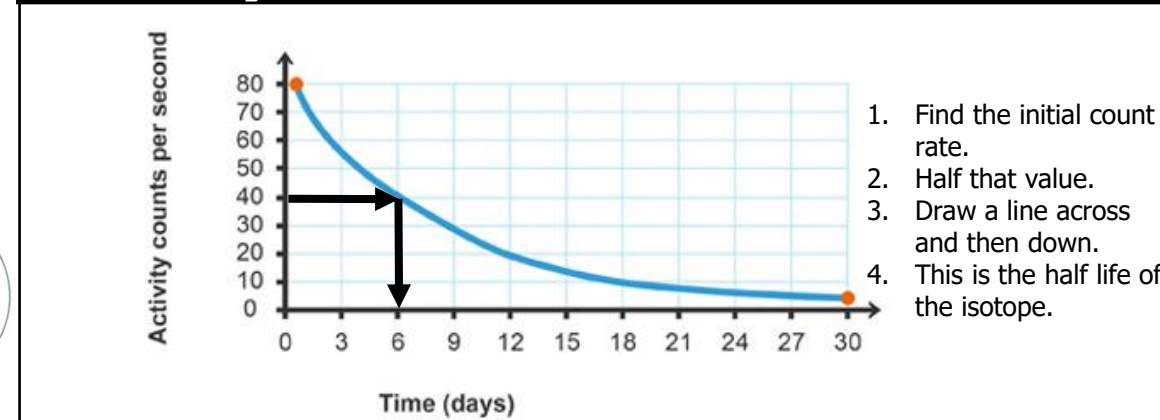
## Section 4: Nuclear Radiation

Radiation	Range in air	Absorbed by	Ionizing Power	Product emitted when nuclei decay
Alpha	Short – <b>up to 5cm</b>	<b>Paper and skin</b>	<b>Very High</b>	<b>2 protons and 2 neutrons</b>
Beta	Medium – <b>about 1m</b>	About 5mm of <b>aluminium</b> .	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Electron</b>
Gamma	<b>Many kilometres</b>	<b>Several centimetres of lead.</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Electromagnetic wave</b>

## Section 5: Nuclear Decay Equations

Alpha decay	${}^{219}_{86}\text{Rn} \rightarrow {}^{215}_{84}\text{Po} + {}^4_2\text{He}$ <p>In alpha decay a helium nucleus (2 protons and 2 neutrons) is emitted. The new element formed has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A mass number that has decreased by 4.</li> <li>- An atomic number that has decreased by 2.</li> </ul>
Beta decay	${}^{14}_6\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{14}_7\text{N} + {}^0_{-1}\text{e}$ <p>In beta decay a neutron turns into a proton. An electron is emitted. The new element formed has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A mass number that stays the same.</li> <li>- An atomic number increases by 1.</li> </ul>
Gamma decay	There are no changes to the nucleus when gamma rays are emitted.

## Section 6: Finding Half Life





## Physics 5: Forces

### Section 1: Key terms

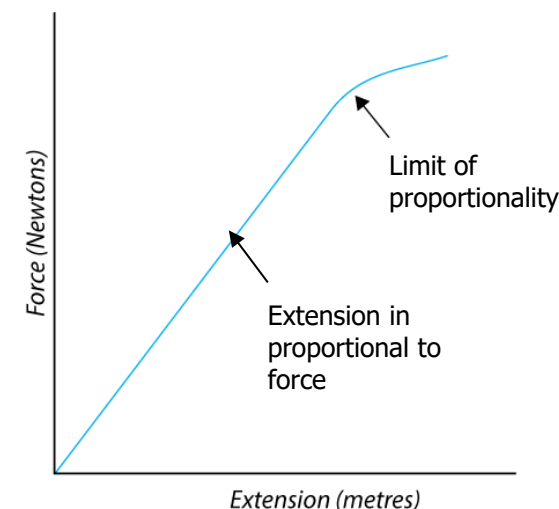
Scalar	A value with <b>magnitude (size) only</b> , e.g. <b>speed, distance</b> .
Vector	A value with <b>magnitude (size)</b> and <b>direction</b> , e.g. <b>all forces, displacement, velocity</b> .
Contact force	Force between objects that are <b>touching</b> e.g. friction, air resistance.
Non-contact force	Force between <b>separate objects</b> e.g. gravitational force, magnetic force.
Weight	The <b>force of gravity</b> acting <b>on an object's mass</b> . Measured using a <b>newtonmeter</b> .
Centre of mass	The <b>single point</b> at which the <b>object's weight appears to act</b> .
Resultant force	A resultant force is a <b>single force</b> that has the <b>same effect as all the forces</b> acting on an object.
Work done	Work is done when an <b>object is moved through a distance</b> . When work is done <b>against friction</b> there is a <b>temperature rise</b> .

### Section 2: Important equations – you will be given the equation in the exam **BUT** you must **learn** the **units** and know how to use the equation

Equation (given on equations sheet)	Symbols	Units ( <b>must learn</b> )
Weight = mass x gravitational field strength	$W = m g$	<b>Weight</b> – newtons (N) <b>Mass</b> – kilograms (kg)
Work done = force x distance	$W = F s$	<b>GFS</b> – newtons per kilogram (N/kg) <b>Work done</b> – joules (J)
Force = spring constant x extension	$F = k e$	<b>Force</b> – newtons (N) <b>Distance</b> – metres (m)
Distance = speed x time	$s = v t$	<b>Spring constant</b> – newtons per metre (N/m) <b>Extension</b> – metres (m)
Acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$	$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$	<b>Distance</b> – metres (m) <b>Speed</b> – metres per second (m/s)
Resultant force = mass x acceleration	$F = m a$	<b>Time</b> – seconds (s) <b>Acceleration</b> = metres per second squared (m/s <sup>2</sup> )
Elastic Potential Energy = 0.5 x spring constant x Extension <sup>2</sup>	$E_e = 0.5 k e^2$	<b>Velocity</b> = metres per second (m/s) <b>Energy</b> – Joules (J)

### Section 3: Elasticity

Elastic deformation	Occurs when a <b>spring is stretched</b> and can then <b>return to its original length</b> .
Inelastic deformation	Occurs when a <b>spring is stretched</b> and its <b>length is permanently altered</b> .
Limit of proportionality	The <b>length</b> a spring can be <b>stretched before it no longer is able to return to its original length</b> . Beyond the limit of proportionality, a force-extension graph is curved.



Force-extension graph

### Section 4: Forces and Braking

Reaction time	The <b>time it takes for a driver to react</b> , typically <b>0.2-0.9s</b> . Affected by <b>tiredness, drugs, alcohol</b> and <b>distractions</b> .
Thinking distance	The <b>distance a vehicle travels</b> while a driver is <b>reacting</b> .
Braking distance	The <b>distance a vehicle travels under braking</b> . Affected by <b>weather conditions</b> (e.g. rain or ice) and the <b>conditions of the brakes</b> and <b>tyres</b> of a vehicle.
Stopping distance	The stopping distance of a vehicle is the <b>sum</b> of the <b>distance the vehicle travels</b> during the driver's reaction time ( <b>thinking distance</b> ) and the distance it travels under the braking force ( <b>braking distance</b> ).
Braking force	When the brakes are pressed, <b>work done</b> by the <b>friction</b> force between the brakes and the wheel <b>reduces the kinetic energy</b> of the vehicle and the <b>temperature of the brakes increases</b> . The <b>greater the speed</b> of a vehicle, the <b>greater the force</b> needed to stop the vehicle. <b>Large decelerations</b> may lead to <b>loss of control</b> or <b>overheating</b> of the brakes.

### Section 5a: Motion

Displacement	The <b>distance</b> an object moves and the <b>direction</b> in which it occurs. A <b>vector</b> quantity.
Velocity	The <b>speed</b> of an object in a <b>particular direction</b> .
Acceleration	The change of an object's speed in a certain amount of time. If an object is <b>falling near the surface</b> of the Earth its <b>acceleration will be <math>9.8\text{m/s}^2</math></b> .
Terminal velocity	The <b>maximum speed</b> of a moving object. Occurs when the <b>force moving</b> an object (e.g. gravity) is <b>balanced by frictional forces</b> (e.g. air resistance).

### Section 5b: Typical Values of Speed

Walking	1.5 m/s
Running	3 m/s
Cycling	6 m/s
Sound in air	330 m/s

### Section 6: Newton's Laws

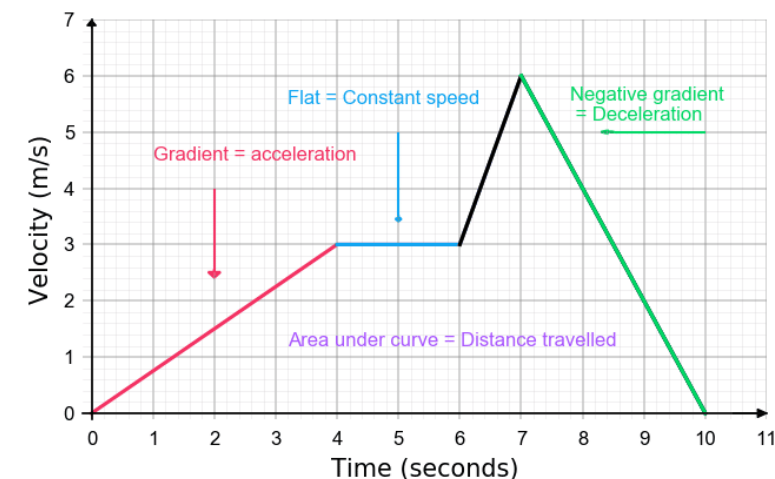
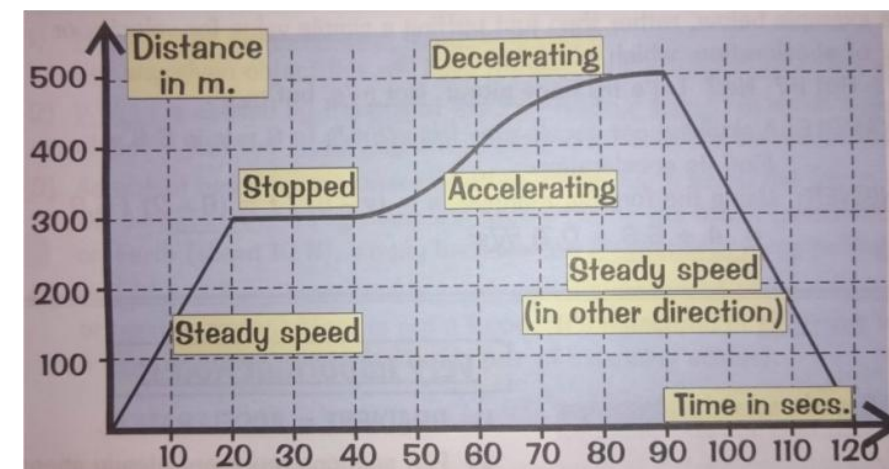
Newton's First Law	The <b>velocity</b> of an object will <b>only change</b> if a <b>resultant force is acting</b> on the object. If there is <b>no resultant force</b> the object will: - <b>Remain stationary</b> if it was not moving. - <b>Continue at a constant speed</b> if it was already moving.
Newton's Second Law	The acceleration of an object is proportional to the resultant force acting on the object, and inversely proportional to the mass of the object. i.e. Force = mass x acceleration.
Newton's Third Law	Whenever <b>two objects interact</b> , the <b>forces</b> they exert on each other are <b>equal and opposite</b> .

### Distance-time graph

Constant speed - straight line
Accelerating - curved line upwards
Decelerating - curved line going towards horizontal
Stationary - horizontal line
Gradient of line can be calculated to give speed

### Velocity-time graph

Constant speed - horizontal line
Accelerating - straight line with velocity increasing
Decelerating - straight line with velocity decreasing
Stationary - horizontal line on x-axis (velocity = 0)
Moving backwards - below x-axis
Gradient of line can be calculated to give acceleration or deceleration



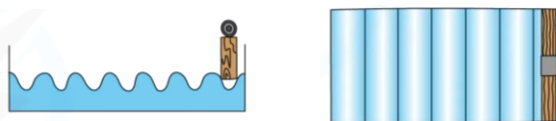


# Physics 6: Waves

## Section 1: Describing Waves

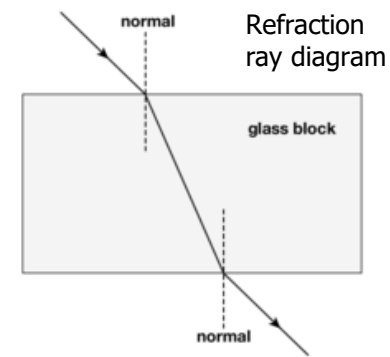
Amplitude (3)	The <b>maximum displacement</b> of a point on a wave away from its <b>undisturbed position</b> .
Wavelength (4)	The <b>distance</b> from a point on one wave to the <b>equivalent point</b> on the <b>next wave</b> .
Frequency	The <b>number of waves</b> passing a <b>point each second</b> .
Longitudinal	<b>Oscillations</b> are along <b>the same direction</b> as the <b>direction of travel</b> e.g. <b>sound</b> waves.
Transverse	<b>Oscillations</b> are at <b>right angles</b> to the <b>direction of travel</b> e.g. <b>water</b> waves, all <b>electromagnetic</b> waves.
Period	The <b>time needed</b> for <b>one wave</b> to <b>pass a given point</b> .
Compression (2)	Area in a <b>longitudinal</b> wave where particles are <b>closest</b> together.
Rarefaction (1)	Area in a <b>longitudinal</b> wave where particles are <b>furthest</b> apart.
Absorb	When the <b>energy</b> of an <b>EM wave</b> is <b>taken up by an object</b> .
Transmit	When a wave is able to <b>pass through</b> a material.
Reflect	The wave <b>bounces off a surface</b> ; the <b>angle of incidence</b> is <b>equal</b> to the <b>angle of reflection</b> .
Refract	The wave <b>changes direction</b> when it enters a <b>medium of different density</b> where it has a <b>different speed</b> .

## Section 4a: Using a Ripple Tank to Study Waves



- 1) Count the number of waves passing a point in 10 seconds
- 2) Divide this number by 10 to get the **frequency**
- 3) Take a photo of the waves
- 4) Measure the length of 10 waves
- 5) Divide this number by 10 to get the **wavelength**
- 6) Calculate the **wave speed** using your answers to parts 2 & 5. Wave speed = frequency x wavelength

## Section 4b: Refraction Diagrams

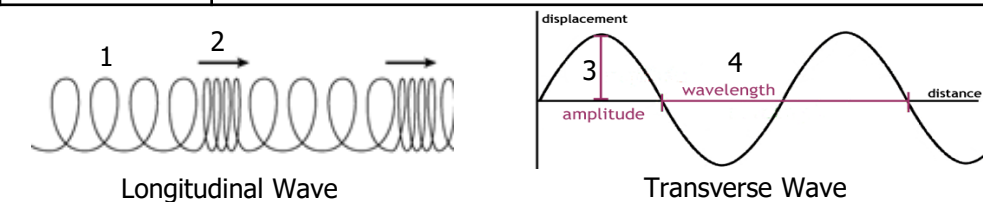
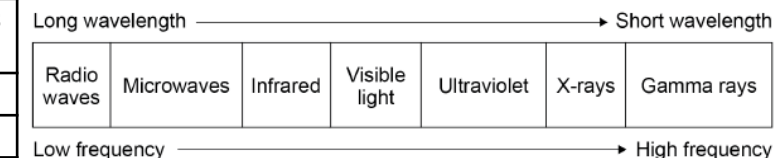


## Section 5: Properties of EM Waves and Sound Waves

Property	EM Wave	Sound Wave
Speed	300,000,000 m/s	around 330 m/s
Medium it can travel through	Anything, even a vacuum (space).	Solids, liquids, gases
Type of wave	Transverse	Longitudinal
Wavelength	Very short	Longer

## Section 5a: The Electromagnetic Spectrum

The collective name for **all types of EM radiation**. They are all **transverse waves** that travel at **300,000,000 m/s**.



## Section 2: Measuring the Speed of Sound

- 1 **Measure** the **distance** to a building.
- 2 **Fire a starting pistol** and **start a timer**.
- 3 **Stop the timer** when the **echo** is heard.
- 4 **Half** your value for **time** and Work out the **speed** using **distance divided by time**.

## Section 3: Important Equations – given in exam but must learn units

Calculation	Equation	Symbols	Units
Wave speed	Wave speed = frequency x wavelength	$v = f \lambda$	<b>Wave speed</b> - metres per second (m/s) <b>Frequency</b> - hertz (Hz)
Frequency	Period = 1 / frequency	$T = 1/f$	<b>Wavelength</b> - metres (m) <b>Time</b> – seconds (s)

## Section 5b: Uses and Risks of EM Radiation

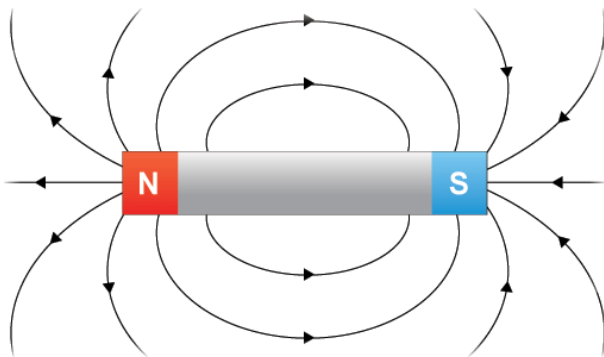
EM Wave	Use	Risks
Radio Waves	<b>Television and radio</b>	
Microwaves	<b>Satellite communications, cooking food</b>	
Infrared	<b>Electrical heaters, cooking food, infrared cameras</b>	
Visible Light	<b>Fibre optic communications</b>	
Ultraviolet	<b>Energy efficient lamps, sun tanning</b>	<b>Premature skin ageing, increase risk of skin cancer (some can ionize)</b>
X-Rays	<b>Medical imaging and treatments</b>	<b>Ionizing</b> – can cause <b>mutation of genes</b> and <b>cancer</b>
Gamma Rays	<b>Medical imaging and treatments</b>	<b>Ionizing</b> – can cause <b>mutation of genes</b> and <b>cancer</b>

# Physics 7: Magnetism and Electromagnetism

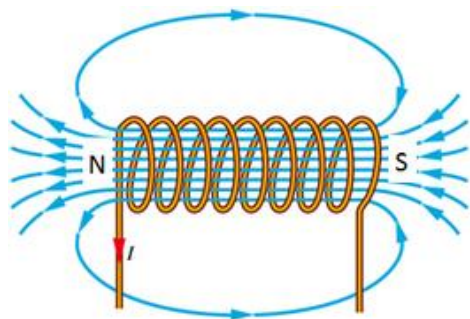
## Section 1: Magnetism Key Terms

Pole	The <b>places</b> on a magnet where the <b>magnetic forces</b> are <b>strongest</b> .
Magnetic Field	The <b>area</b> around a magnet where a <b>force acts</b> on another magnet or magnetic material.
Repel	Occurs when two <b>like poles</b> are brought close together. The magnets <b>push apart</b> .
Attract	Occurs when two <b>opposite poles</b> are brought close together. The magnets <b>move together</b> .
Permanent magnet	A magnet that produces its <b>own magnetic field</b> .
Induced magnet	A magnetic material that <b>becomes a magnet</b> when it is placed in a <b>magnetic field</b> . When <b>removed</b> from the <b>field</b> it <b>quickly loses its magnetism</b> .
Magnetic material	There are four magnetic materials: <b>iron, steel, cobalt</b> and <b>nickel</b> .
Compass	Compasses contain small bar magnets which <b>points</b> to the <b>north pole</b> of the <b>Earth's magnetic field</b> .

The magnetic field around a bar magnet. The **field lines** always go **from North to South**



The magnetic field in a **solenoid** is concentrated **inside the coil in a uniform direction**, otherwise it acts in the same way as a bar magnet.



## Section 2: Electromagnetism Key Terms

Solenoid	A <b>coil of wire</b> that will create a <b>magnetic field</b> when <b>current</b> is passed through it. The magnetic field <b>inside</b> the solenoid is <b>strong</b> and <b>uniform</b> . It acts in the same way as a bar magnet.
Electromagnet	A <b>solenoid containing an iron core</b> which increases its strength.

## Section 3: Increasing the force of...

### A Solenoid

Add an **iron core**

Increase the **number of coils** of wire

Increase the **current**

Move the magnetic material/ magnet **closer** to the solenoid