



## Waves & Communication

### What I Will Be Learning In This Mastery Badge:

In this mastery badge we will look at how waves are used by people to communicate ideas. Including sound waves, light waves, and radio waves. We will examine the pros and cons of using each type of wave, and attempt to communicate information ourselves using each.

### What This Packet Includes:

It is important that you complete all aspects of this packet so that you gain the knowledge and skills that we are working on.

#### I. **Discovering Lab**

A discovering lab is a fun, introductory lab, where we discover the knowledge on our own.

#### II. **Video Instruction**

You will watch a video presented by Mr. Bertoch, and answer questions about it.

#### III. **Literacy Practice**

Reading and writing are critical life skills, and also very important to science. You will read the assigned article and complete a writing prompt.

#### IV. **Applying Lab**

An applying lab is how you pass off the Mastery Badge. It serves as the quiz. It is a hands on demonstration that you have mastered the skills and content of this badge.

### Key Things We Will Learn In This Mastery Badge

Some of the most important things we will learn in this mastery badge:

- How mankind uses waves to communicate
- How we use sound waves
- How we use light waves
- How we use radio waves
- Advantages and disadvantages of each type of wave
- Waves and technology

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# Discovering Lab

## Learning Through Hands On Activities



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### Activity: Discovering How Waves Are Used For Communication

**Directions:** Work with a partner to complete each of part below. Then record your observations in the space provided.



Video Instructions Available For This Assignment. Watch this video to learn how to do this assignment, and why it is important.

**Scan This QR Code To Watch Mr. Bertoch Give You Directions For This Assignment**

**Goal:** To learn as much as you can about how waves are used to communicate.

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### Part 1: Sound Waves Vs Light Waves

For this experiment you will need a pot, and something to bang on it, such as a hammer, or a spoon. Be careful not to damage the pot!

- **Step 1:** Stand outside as far from your partner as you can (at least 200 ft apart). When you're ready signal for your partner to bang on their pot several times.
- **Observe Carefully:** Notice what arrives first, sound waves, or light waves. Do you see your partner's hand hit the pot first, or do you hear the sound?

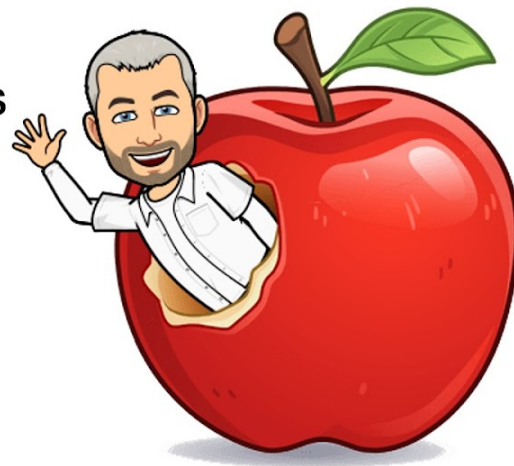
1. What did you observe? What travels faster, sound waves or light waves?

2. How might this difference in speed affect how these waves are used to communicate?



# Video Instruction

## Reviewing The Teacher's Instruction At My Own Pace



### Handsome Science Teacher One Take Videos

Now that you have completed the Discovering Lab let's watch the video that goes with it. In this video Mr. Bertoch will help connect the discoveries that you made during the lab to the broader concepts covered under this badge, and will also introduce the vocabulary that goes with these concept.

### Take Your Time, Pause And Rewind As needed

You are not in a hurry! It is more important that you understand the concepts in this video than that you finish it quickly. Take your time. If you don't understand something, pause the video and use the Internet or other resources to look up the concept that has you confused.

When you finish this video, you should have a good understanding of the concepts that have been taught. If you find yourself confused, rewind, and rewatch.

### The Video For This Mastery Badge Can Be Opened Using This QR Code

This Mastery Badge includes one video:



Watch The Assigned Science Video

Scan This QR Code To Open And Watch The Assigned Video For This Mastery Badge

### Check Point

Let's make sure that you really did take your time and watch the video carefully! Remember that it is important to hold yourself accountable to a high standard and to take pride in your own success as a learner.

**I watched the video carefully, and paused to look up anything I didn't understand.**

### Recording Your Learning

On the next page, you will record your learning and connect it to things you already know.

### **Ten Things I Learned From This Video**

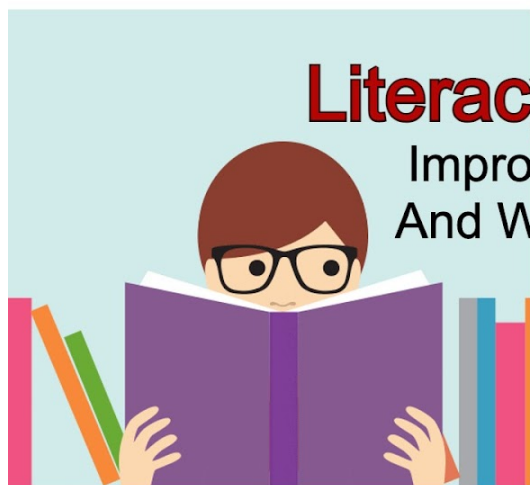
A powerful tool to help you retain what you learn is to take notes. Notes give you something that you can look back at later, to quickly remind your brain reinforcing the memories for the concepts you have learned. Record ten things that you learned or that you perhaps already knew that were discussed in this video.

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- 2.
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### **Now, Let's Connect These New Concepts To Things You Already Knew**

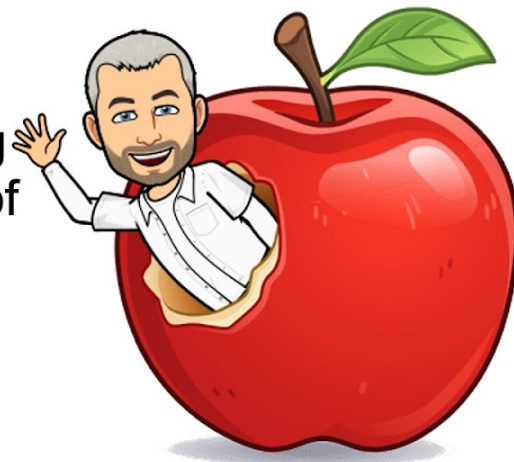
Another great way to help your brain retain new things is to connect these new concepts to other things that you already know. This gives your mind a place to store the new knowledge. Imagine that you are placing the new knowledge on a shelf in your brain next to facts that are already in there.

Write a paragraph explaining how the concepts taught in this video relate to things you already knew. There are no wrong answers. What are some things that you already knew that this video reminded you of?



# Literacy Practice

Improving Our Reading  
And Writing In Search of  
Knowledge



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## Activity: Reading And Writing About Amplitude

**Directions:** Reading and writing are very important life skills. Good scientists must be able to learn through reading and communicate their own discoveries through writing.



Video Instructions Available For This Assignment. Watch this video to learn how to do this assignment, and why it is important.

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### 1. Practice Reading For Understanding

Read the article below **for understanding**. Reading for understanding means that you take your time and monitor your own learning. If you get to the end of a sentence and you do not remember or understand what you read, **re-read it**.

### 2. Practice Writing To Communicate

Complete the writing prompt below. Do your very best to write clearly so that others will understand what you are saying. This means using correct spelling, grammar, and writing, taking your time to think about the best ways to clearly communicate to others the main ideas that you are trying to get across to them.

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## Article:



Read The Assigned Article Carefully For Understanding.

<https://handsomescienceteacher.com/Online-science-classes-kids/analog-versus-digital-signals/>

**Scan This QR Code To Open And Read The Article That Goes With This Mastery Badge**

### Check Point

Let's make sure that you really did read for understanding! Remember that it is important to hold yourself accountable to a high standard and to take pride in your own success as a learner.

**I Read For Understanding. I did not skim the article. I understood the material that the article discussed.**

### Quiz Time

Complete the quiz at the end of the article and post your score in the box below. Your goal is to get at least 75% on the quiz. Did you accomplish this goal?

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### Now Let's Write To Communicate

Remember that when you write to communicate you are taking your time, and explaining the topic in a detailed and concise way. Don't rush! You are not in a hurry. Think about what you are going to say, and plan how you will say it. So that someone else who reads your paragraphs will understand them easily.

**Writing Prompt:** Write two paragraphs in your own words explaining the difference between digital and analog signals.



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# Applying Lab

## Proving That We Can Do It Ourselves



**Directions:** Working with a partner complete each of the parts below. Record your observations in the space provided.



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**Goal:** To learn as much as you can about how waves are used to communicate.

### Part 1: Using Three Kinds of Waves To Communicate

For this lab, you will need paper and a marker, your voice, and a cell phone. You will be communicating secret messages to a partner using sound waves, light waves, and radio waves.

1. Write a secret message that you would like to send to your partner in the space below.
2. Have your partner stand a short distance away from you in the same room. How will you communicate your secret message to them? Your options are your voice (sound waves) marker and paper (light waves) or your cellphone (radio waves). Explain why you think the option you picked is the most effective.
3. After sending your message, record the results. How effective was the method you selected?
4. Write another secret message that you would like to send to your partner in the space below.

5. Have your partner stand where they can see you, but not hear you. Such as on the other side of a window. How will you communicate your secret message to them? Your options are your voice (sound waves) marker and paper (light waves) or the cellphone (radio waves). Explain why you think the option you picked is the most effective.

6. After sending your message, record the results. How effective was the method you selected?

7. Write another secret message that you would like to send to your partner in the space below.

8. Have your partner stand where they can't see or hear you. How will you communicate your secret message to them? Your options are your voice (sound waves) marker and paper (light waves) or the cellphone (radio waves). Describe what happened.

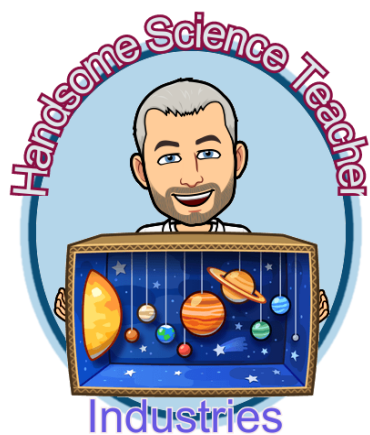
#### **Final Questions:**

1. Why do we sometimes use sound waves for communication? When is sound most effective?

2. Why do we sometimes use light waves for communication? When is light most effective?

3. Why do we sometimes use radio waves for communication? When is radio most effective?





### **Congratulations! You Have Completed The Entire Mastery Badge**

You have worked really hard to earn this mastery badge. More importantly, you have worked hard to earn your knowledge!

### **Time To Evaluate Your Work**

Check each of the following to evaluate your work:

1. Did you do every assignment?
2. Did you read the assigned article?
3. Did you watch the assigned video?
4. Did you answer all the questions using complete sentences?
5. Are your answers accurate?

### **My Self-Evaluation:**

Based on the criteria listed above, I believe I have passed off this Mastery Badge because...  
(Be detailed and specific)

### **Mastery Badge Counselor Evaluation:**

I have reviewed this student's work. Based on the criteria listed above I hereby certify that they have passed off the Mastery Badge because... (Be detailed and specific) Note: Any adult may serve as a Mastery Badge Counselor, so long as they are committed to ensuring the highest standards of excellence.

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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**

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**Signature of Mastery  
Badge Counselor**

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**Date**

## Certificate For Your Homeschool Records

The following certificate which has been awarded through self-evaluation by the student, and also certified by a mastery badge counselor proves that the student listed thereon has completed all the work and has mastered all the concepts for the specified topic.

**Keep this on file as evidence of your successful completion of this topic.**

If audited by the State, these certificates stand as evidence that you have worked on and successfully completed a rigorous science curriculum.

