Waves Part 2:

Reflection, Refraction, diffraction, and interference

Reflection is when an object or wave hits a surface through which it cannot pass, it bounces back

According to the <u>law of reflection</u>, the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection.





<u>Diffraction</u> occurs when a wave moves around a barrier or through an opening in a barrier, it bends and spreads out.



Interference is when two or more waves overlap and combine to form a new wave.



There are two types of interference: constructive and destructive.

<u>Constructive interference</u> happens when an interference occurs and the new wave that forms is equal to the sum of the amplitudes of the original waves.

(ex. the sound would get louder)





Resonance is when an object <u>vibrates</u> by absorbing energy at is <u>natural frequencies</u>.

- Every object has its own resonant frequency - you hear this when you tap a glass for example.
- When a singer produces the <u>exact</u> <u>frequency of the glass</u>, it will vibrate. If the glass vibrates enough, it will <u>shatter</u>.



