## Wave Functions

## Main points on our wave:

$>$ Maximum - The highest point of the function.
$>$ Minimum - The lowest point of the function.
$>$ Midline - The horizontal axis that is used as the reference line about which the function oscillates (continually goes around).
$>$ Amplitude - The distance from the midline to the maximum or minimum.

You try:
Label $a, b, c$, and $d$ as the maximum, minimum, or midline.


- Which figure has a larger amplitude? Why?

Example \#1: Find the max, min, midline, and amplitude.


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The period of a wave function is the length of one cycle. The frequency is the number of cycles in a given unit of time.

To relate period and frequency, we use " $\mathrm{pb}=2 \pi$ "
"Peanut Butter Equals $2 \pi$ "
${ }^{* *} b$ is the commonly used letter for frequency.
${ }^{* *} p$ is the commonly used letter for period.
To visually identify the period, there are 4 options:

1. Calculate the distance between two maxima
2. Calculate the distance between two minima
3. Calculate the distance between a max and a min and then double it
4. Calculate the distance between 3 midline values

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Example \#2: Find the period and frequency of the graph


Example \#3:
Find the period, frequency, max, min, and amplitude.


