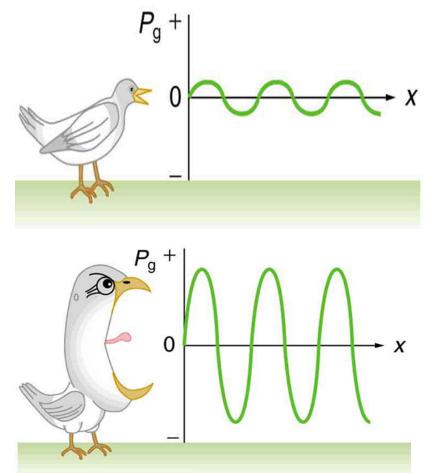
Wave Functions

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.

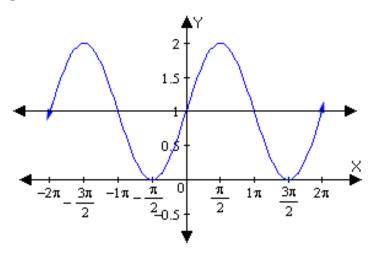
You try:

Label a, b, c, and d as the maximum, minimum, or midline.

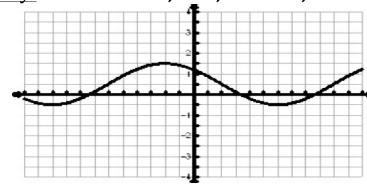


o Which figure has a larger amplitude? Why?

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



You try: Find the max, min, midline, and amplitude.



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

To relate period and frequency, we use "pb= 2π " "Peanut Butter Equals 2π "

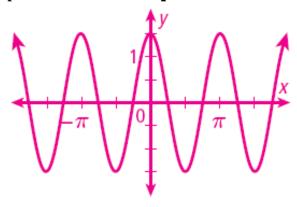
** *b* is the commonly used letter for frequency.

** 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

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



Example #3:

Find the period, frequency, max, min, and amplitude.

