

# Sinusoidal Graphs and Values 

## ...and how to apply them to real-life problems

## Example on Pg 95

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48 is halfway between the max and minimum temp
max temp is $56^{\circ}$ and the min temp is $40^{\circ}$. Since this makes the graph's vertical length 16 , the amplitude is 8

The top of the cosine graph occurs
17 minutes later

It takes 12 minutes to go from max to min so the whole period is twice that.
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$$
b=\frac{2 \pi}{\text { period }}
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In a Chemistry experiment, researchers find that the temperature of a compound varies sinusoidally with time. 10 minutes after they started timing, the temperature is its highest, which is $26^{\circ}$ Celsius. 9 minutes after it has reached its maximum, the temperature hits its minimum which is $-10^{\circ}$

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8 is halfway between the max and minimum temp
max temp is $26^{\circ}$ and the min temp is $-10^{\circ}$. Since this makes the graph's vertical length 36 , the amplitude is 18

It takes 9 minutes to go from max to min so the whole period is twice that. And remember that

$$
b=\frac{2 \pi}{18}
$$

$50$

$$
y=d+a \cos [b(x-c)]
$$

Sinusoidal Axis (vertical shift)



> Half the distance from the max to the min


Period is twice the time it takes to go from $\max$ to $\min$

Horizontal shift (always opposite the sign in the parentheses)

Where does the problem say the first maximum value occurs?

Now you can begin working on the Sinusoidal Graphing worksheet on the website. It is a fomework assignment and is also due at the time of the quiz on Thursday
And no you may not print out a copy. If you don't want to use your iPad, use binder paper
And no you may not "go to the bathroom" and return with a copy of the worksheet

