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1. amplitude	the maximum displacement of a vibrating particle from its equilibrium position
2. amplitude modulation	a type of modulation where the amplitude of the carrier wave is varied by an imposed signal
3. analog data	represents continuous variations in some quantity such as the volume of a sound, the intensity of light etc.
4. angle of incidence	the angle which an incident line or ray makes with a perpendicular to the surface at the point of incidence
5. angle of reflection	the angle made by a reflected ray with a perpendicular to the reflecting surface
6. angle of refraction	the angle made by a refracted ray with a perpendicular to the refracting surface
7. antinodal lines	lines joining points of constructive interference
8. beats	the interference effect of two almost identical waves passing through the same medium together; the resultant is a series of alternate maxima and minima in the amplitude of vibration
9. communication	the transfer of information from a sender to a receiver via a medium
10. compact disk	a plastic disk that has digital data encoded on it as a series of pits
11. compression	the region in a horizontal wave where the particles are closer than in their normal equilibrium position
12. concave	surface with centre of curvature on the same side as the observer
13. concave mirror	a mirror that converges parallel light rays incident on its surface
14. convex	having a surface with the centre of curvature on the opposite side to the observer
15. convex mirror	a mirror that causes parallel light to diverge
16. crest	a region of upward displacement in a transverse wave
17. critical angle	the angle of incidence for which the angle of refraction is 90 degrees; only occurs for waves going from a denser medium to a less dense medium
18. digital data	data that can be represented by two states e.g. numbers (digits) such as 0 and 1, on and off, high and low, etc.

19. digital video disk (DVD)	a plastic disk that can store vast amounts of information in binary format as a series of pits (holes)
20. echo	where sound reflects off a surface back to its source