

**ANSWER KEY** Practice problems:

1. Growing up in the Washington D.C. area, my favorite radio station was D.C. 101 which broadcasts on a frequency of 101.1 MHz. (hint M = mega =  $1 \times 10^6$ )

a. Find the wavelength

$$\lambda = (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (101.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}) \\ = 2.97 \text{ m}$$

b. Find the energy

$$E = h \nu \\ = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J*sec}) (101.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}) \\ = 670.293 \times 10^{-28} \text{ J or } 6.703 \times 10^{-28} \text{ J}$$

2. Find the wavelength and energy of your favorite radio station.  
3. What is the energy of light with a frequency of  $4.31 \times 10^{14}$  Hz?

$$E = h \nu \\ = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J*sec}) (4.31 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) \\ = 28.5753 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J or } 2.858 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

4. A certain violet light has a wavelength of 413 nm. What is the frequency of the light? (hint nano = nm =  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  meters)

$$\nu = c / \lambda \\ = (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}) / (4.13 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}) \\ = 7.26 \times 10^{14} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ or Hz}$$

5. A certain green light has a frequency of  $6.26 \times 10^{14}$  Hz. What is the wavelength?

$$\lambda = c / \nu \\ = (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (6.26 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) \\ = 4.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

6. What is the energy of light with a wavelength of 662 nm?

$$E = hc / \lambda \\ E = [(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J*sec})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})] / (6.62 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}) \\ = 3.00 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joules}$$