Scientific Notation Word Problems - Matching Worksheet

Write the letter of the answer that matches the problem.

1. The speed of an airplane is 2,000 mph for 7 hours. How far did the airplane travel?

a. 8.372×10^{-3}

(Remember: distance = speed x time (d = st)

2. How far does light travel in water in 5.0 \times 10² seconds, if the speed of light in water is 3 \times b. 1.25 \times 10⁸ m/s?

3. The Sun is 2.093x10⁸ km (kilometers) from Mars and the speed of light is 2.5 x 10⁸ m/s. Calculate the time it takes light, from the Sun, to reach Mars.

c. 4.393×10^6

4. Suppose there are 5 × 10⁶ bacteria in every
2 liters of water. How many bacteria are there in 5 liters of water?

d. 1.4×10^4

5. Ron has to calculate the time taken by a sound wave to travel from Earth to Venus at the e. 1.5 × 10¹¹ speed of 4.78 x 10¹² miles per year (called a light-year). The distance between Earth and Venus is 2.1 x 10¹⁹ miles.