



Lesson Sequence



1. Explore how light travels



2. Explore reflection



3. Explore reflection and explain how it can be used to help see things



4. Investigate how shadows can change

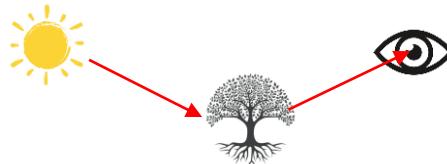


5. Investigate how we can show why shadows have the same shape as the object that cast them



6. Explore light phenomena

How We See



Light travels in **straight lines**. The light **rays** from a light source **reflect** off the object we are looking at. The light travels in a **straight line** and enters the eye through our pupil.

Bending Light

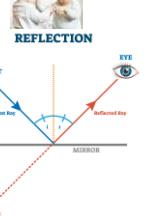
Reflection



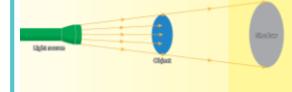
Light reflects off shiny, bright or light surfaces. That is why you can see your reflection when you look in a mirror.

Refraction

Water and bent shiny surfaces cause light rays to be reflected at different angles, meaning the reflection of the image is distorted.



Shadows



Opaque objects block the light rays so they can only travel around the edges of the object in straight lines. That is why a shadow is the same shape as the object.

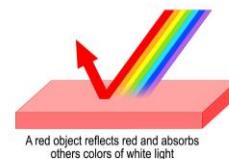
The **closer** an object is to the light source, the **bigger** the shadow.

The **further away** the object is from the shadow, the **smaller** the shadow.

Colours



Absorption and reflection of light



A red object reflects red and absorbs other colors of white light



A white object reflects all colors of white light equally



An object is seen as black if it absorbs all colors of white light