

Key Vocabulary

artificial	something made by humans
dark	the absence of light
light source	an object which gives out light
mirror	a highly reflective surface which shows a reflection
natural	something not made by humans
reflect	to bounce off or throw something back
reflective	something which reflects light
shadow	a dark area behind an object where the path of light has been blocked

The Sun

The Sun helps us in lots of different ways but we need to protect ourselves too. Remember to wear a hat and suncream when out in the sunshine.

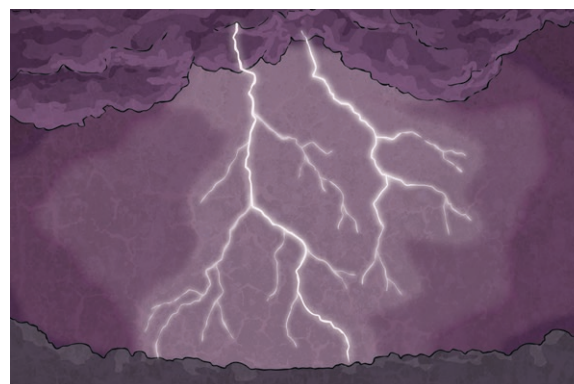
Never look directly at the Sun, even when wearing sunglasses.



Light Sources

Light comes from a **light source**. **Light sources** can be **natural** or **artificial**.

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The Sun and lightning are **natural light sources**. Some living things, such as anglerfish, produce light. This is known as bioluminescence.

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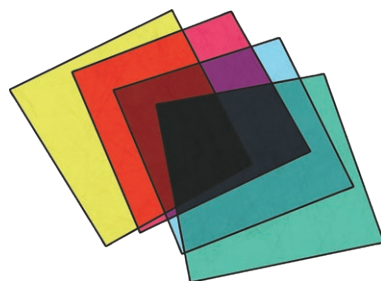
Torches, screens on devices and candles are all examples of **artificial light sources**.

Transparency

Light cannot pass through opaque materials. The light reflects off their surface. We can't see through them.



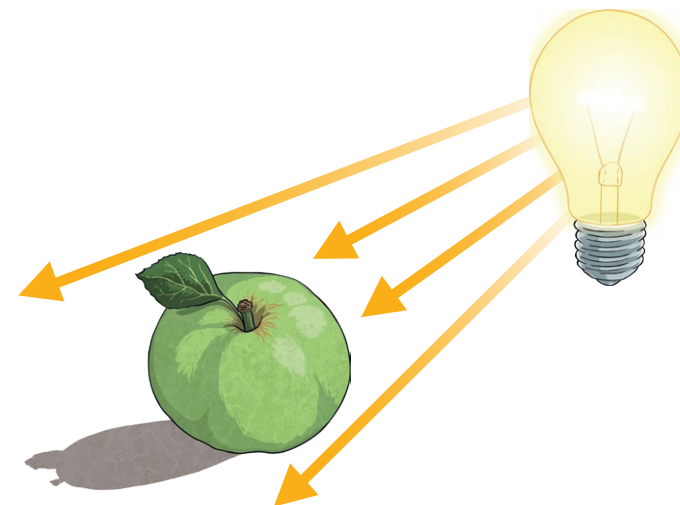
Some light can pass through translucent materials. We can partially see through them.



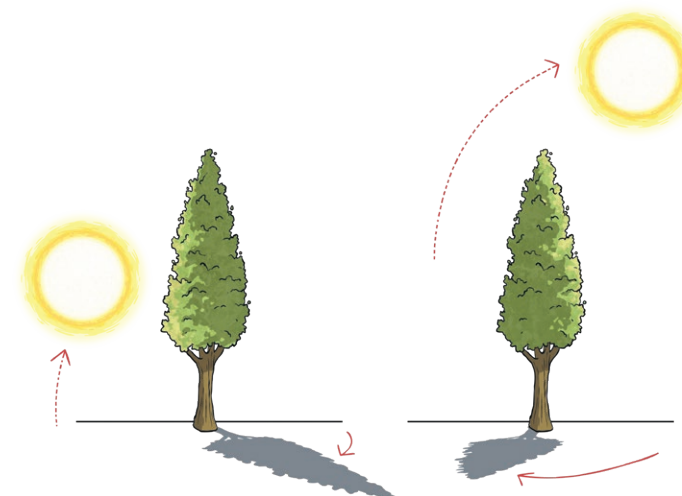
Most or all light can pass through transparent materials. We can see through them.



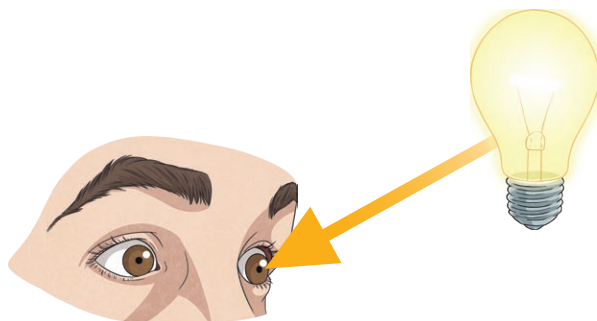
Shadows are created when the path of light from a light source is blocked by an object.



Shadows can change size and angle as the light source changes position.



People can see because light enters the eye through the pupil.



When the eye is closed, light cannot enter the eye so people cannot see.

