Key Facts

- . What is needed for us to be able to see
- Find out which objects are easier to see
- . Understand why some objects are easier to see.
- Carry out investigations to find out which materials are most reflective
- . Know what mirrors are and what they do
- . How shadows are formed through recording results
- Investigate and identify patterns to help understand how to change shadows
- . Ways we can protect ourselves from the sun



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Vocabulary

Word	Definition
light	The energy producing a sensation of brightness that makes seeing possible
light source	A light source is anything that makes light.
dark	With little of no light.
transparent	Allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen
translucent	Allowing light, but not detailed shapes, to pass through; semi-transparent.
opaque	Not able to be seen through; not transparent.
shiny	reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished.
matt	dull and flat; without a shine.
shadow	a dark area or shape produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface.
reflect	Throw back (heat, light, or sound) without absorbing it.
Mirror	A surface, typically of glass coated with a metal amalgam, which reflects a clear image.
Surface	The outside layer of an object.
sunlight	Light from the sun

Common misconceptions

We can still see even where there is an absence of any light

The moon and reflective surfaces and transparent surfaces are light sources

Shadows result from objects giving off darkness.

The moon is a source of light

You can see more of your image in a mirror as you move backwards from it Surfaces that are not shiny do not reflect light



