6F HOW WE SEE THINGS

Glossary

block – to interrupt the light causing a shadow

fluorescent – property of a material that is able to store light energy and then to glow

image – the picture formed in a mirror or made by a lens

lens – a transparent object that allows light to pass through it but will bend the light on its way through

light – a kind of energy that we can see - the glow produced by something hot

light rays – the beams of light that come from a light source - they travel in straight lines

light source – the place where light begins

luminous – property of something that is a light source e.g. a lighted candle



Many things contain **lenses** e.g. magnifying glasses,

microscopes, spectacles, cameras and eves!

Remember! **S.O.S.** – source → object → shadow A shadow is formed when an object blocks the light.





This glass is transparent - all light passes through it. You can see through it.

Reflections are all around us. This mountain is reflected

in a lake. A **kaleidoscope** uses two **mirrors** to produce a pattern of **images**.



Two mirrors angled at 45° enable us to see around corners using a periscope.



microscope – a device used to focus light through a lens in order to magnify the image

mirror – a polished surface which reflects light

opaque - not see-through - lets no light through at all

We see objects around us because light from a **light source** is **reflected** from them into our **eyes**.



periscope – a device that uses a series of mirrors to enable the viewer to look around corners

reflection – the process where light "bounces off a material To reflect - verb

shadow – the area of darkness formed when an object blocks light

translucent – not see-through. Lets some light pass through

> transparent – see-through. Lets all light pass through



This window is translucent - some light



passes through it but you can only see fuzzy images.



This paper bag is opaque - no **light** passes through it and you can't see through it



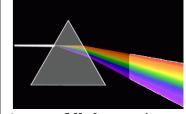
The filament in a lightbulb becomes **hot** as the electrical current passes through it and then it **glows** to create light.

The lit candle is a light source The candle vapour burns to produce light. The candle flame is **luminous**.



These notes fluoresce when a **UV liaht** is shone on them.





A ray of light can be split into a **rainbow** of **colours** when it passes through a glass **prism**.

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