

Name

Glossary for Light and Shadows

compass direction		An instrument that uses a magnetic needle to show where North is. It also shows the directions of East, South and West.
length		A measure of how long something is.
light ray		Light travelling - always in a straight line.
light source		Something that gives out its own light.
mirror		Something that is smooth and shiny that reflects light very well.
opaque		A material that does not let light pass through. You cannot see through it. It makes a dark shadow.
reflect/ reflection		When light bounces off a smooth shiny surface.
shadow		When light rays are blocked by something opaque.
sunlight		Light that comes from the Sun. It is dangerous to look directly at the Sun.
translucent		A material that allows light to shine through, although you cannot see through it clearly.
transparent		A material that you can see through perfectly clearly.