

## Year 5 See the light <br> STUDENT WORKSHEET

## WORKSTATION \#1 - ABSORPTION

1a) Which light energy was absorbed by the beads to make them change?


1b) Colours we see are a combination of different colours of visible light being ABSORBED or REFLECTED


What is your favourite coloured shirt to wear?
Which colour/s of light are reflected by this shirt?
Which colour/s of light are absorbed by this shirt?
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WORKSTATION \#2 - REFLECTION
Circle the mazes that you solved:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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2a) Can you solve the maze below with only $\mathbf{2}$ mirrors?
Draw...

- The location and angle of the mirrors that reflect the light from the torch to the target.
- A line to show the path of light through the maze, with arrows showing the direction it travels.

Key
Use these symbols
in your diagram
Mirrors
Light path $\longrightarrow$

2b) Describe why you need to use mirrors to allow the light to reach the target.

## WORKSTATION \#3 - REFRACTION

Ba) TRI-CHALLENGE: Switch on all THREE light beams.
Which prisms/lenses refract the light so all THREE light beams cross at one point?
Circle TWO answers:


Bb) UNI-CHALLENGE: Switch on ONE light beam.
Put the triangular prism in front of light source like the picture below.
Draw the path of light as it leaves the prism.


Bonus: Add the symbols below to your diagram

| Key |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Light path $\rightarrow$ |  |
| Direction <br> change | $\longrightarrow$ |

## WORKSTATION \#4 - SHADOWS

Circle the shadow puzzles that you solved:
Question 4a) Use the word bank to complete the paragraph to describe how a shadow is made.
A $\qquad$ is made when an object blocks $\qquad$ . $\qquad$ objects
block all light creating dark shadows. $\qquad$ objects block some light, whereas $\qquad$ objects allow all light to pass through and do not make shadows.
WORD BANK: Translucent transparent light shadow Opaque

Question 4b) How can you change the size of a shadow? $\qquad$
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## Extras for Experts!

Match the words to their definitions
Reflection -

- The absence of light on a surface, caused by an opaque or translucent object blocking the path of light from a source.
Refraction - - The process by which energy like light bounces off an object or surface.
Absorption - - The change of direction of light as it passes from one medium to another.
Shadow - - When light energy is transformed/used by an object rather than being reflected or refracted.

