

KEY VOCABULARY

light

a type of **energy that makes it possible for us to see** and helps to support life on earth

dark

the **absence of light** (it is hard for us to see in the dark)

light source

something that makes light; these can be natural or artificial (made by people)

transparent

a property of a material that **allows light to travel through it** (we can see through transparent things)

opaque

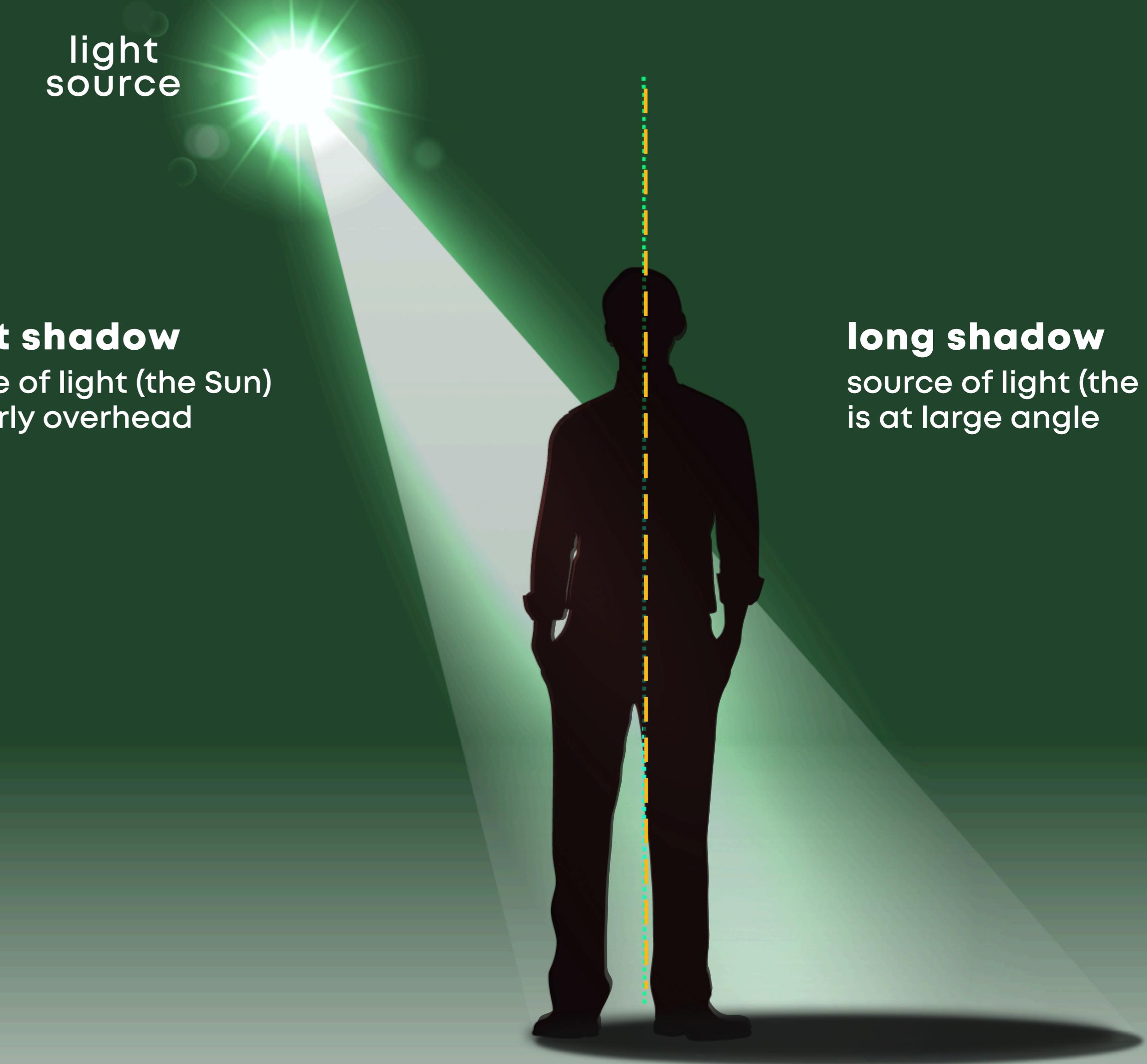
a property of a material that **does not allow light through it** (we cannot see through opaque things)

reflect

when **light bounces back** from a surface

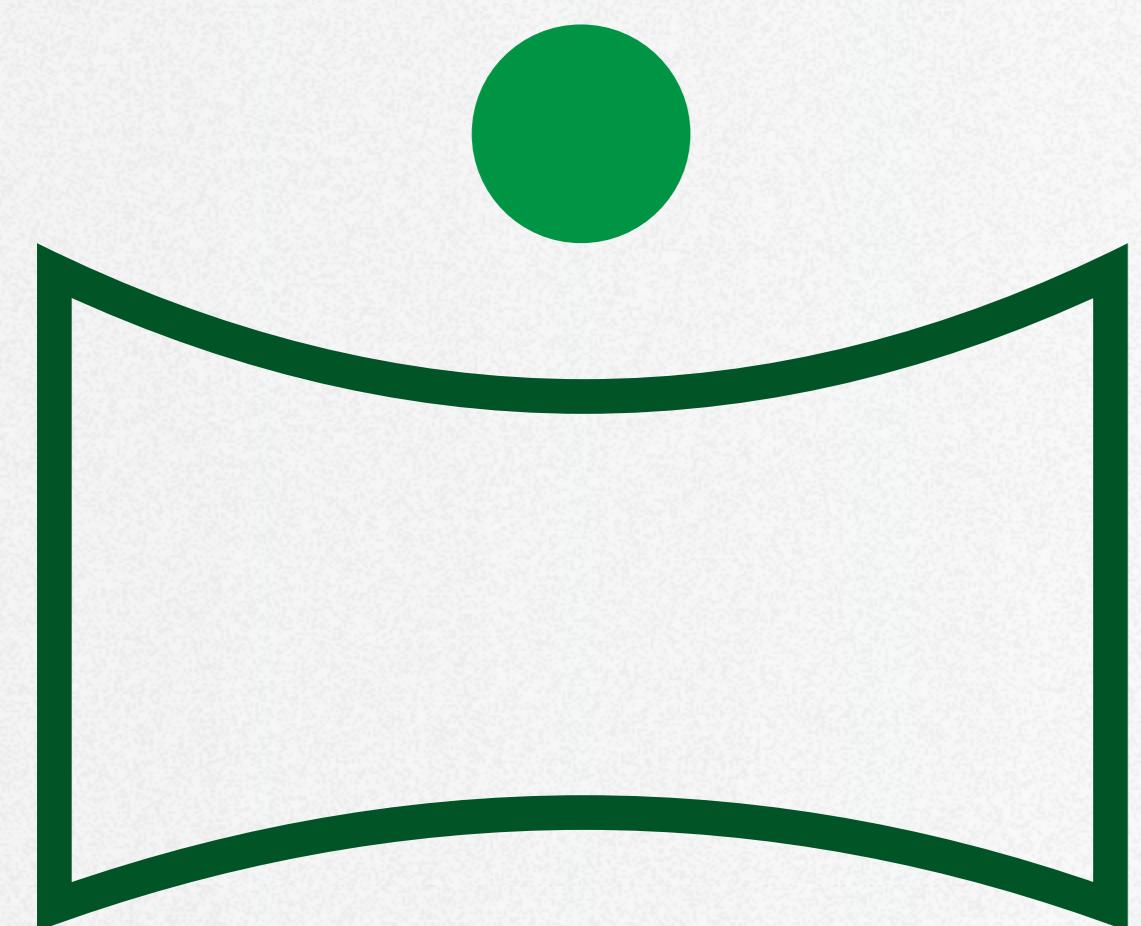
shadow

a **dark area** created by an object blocking a light source



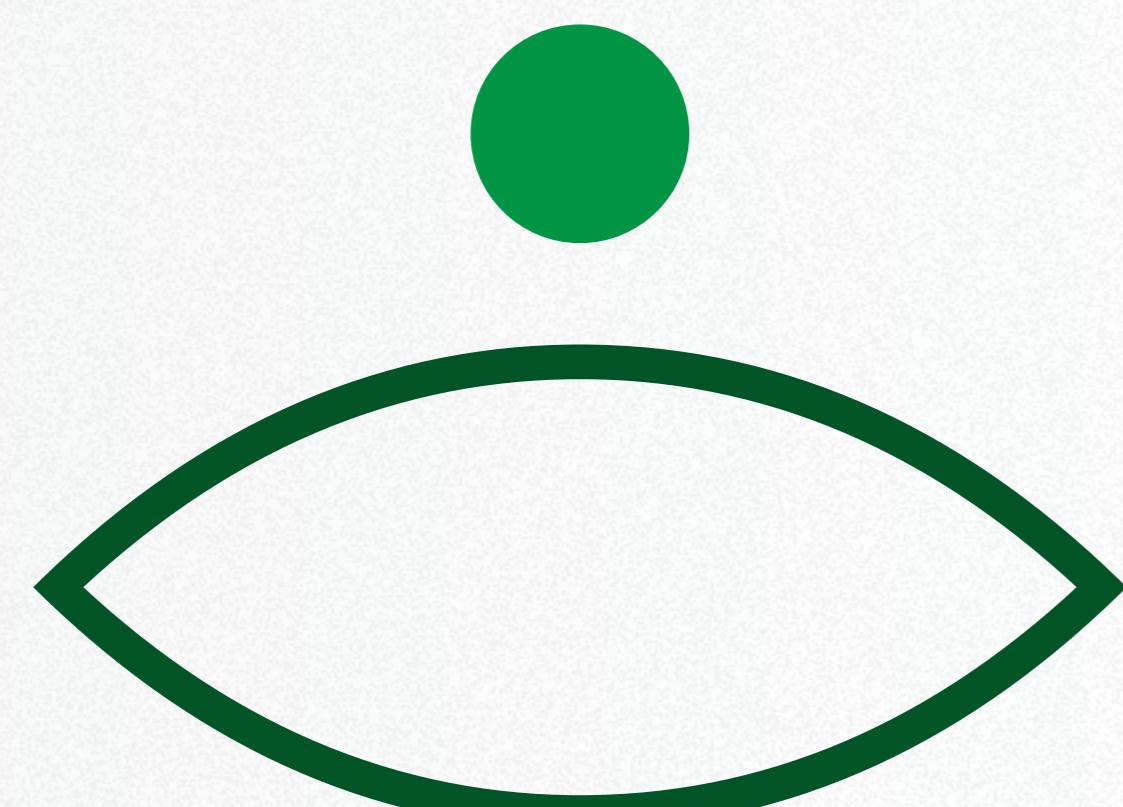
our shadows change as the sun moves across the sky; when the sun is high in the sky our shadows are short, and when the sun is lower in the sky our shadows are longer

concave



when a mirror is bent inwards, creating a hollow – the image looks bigger

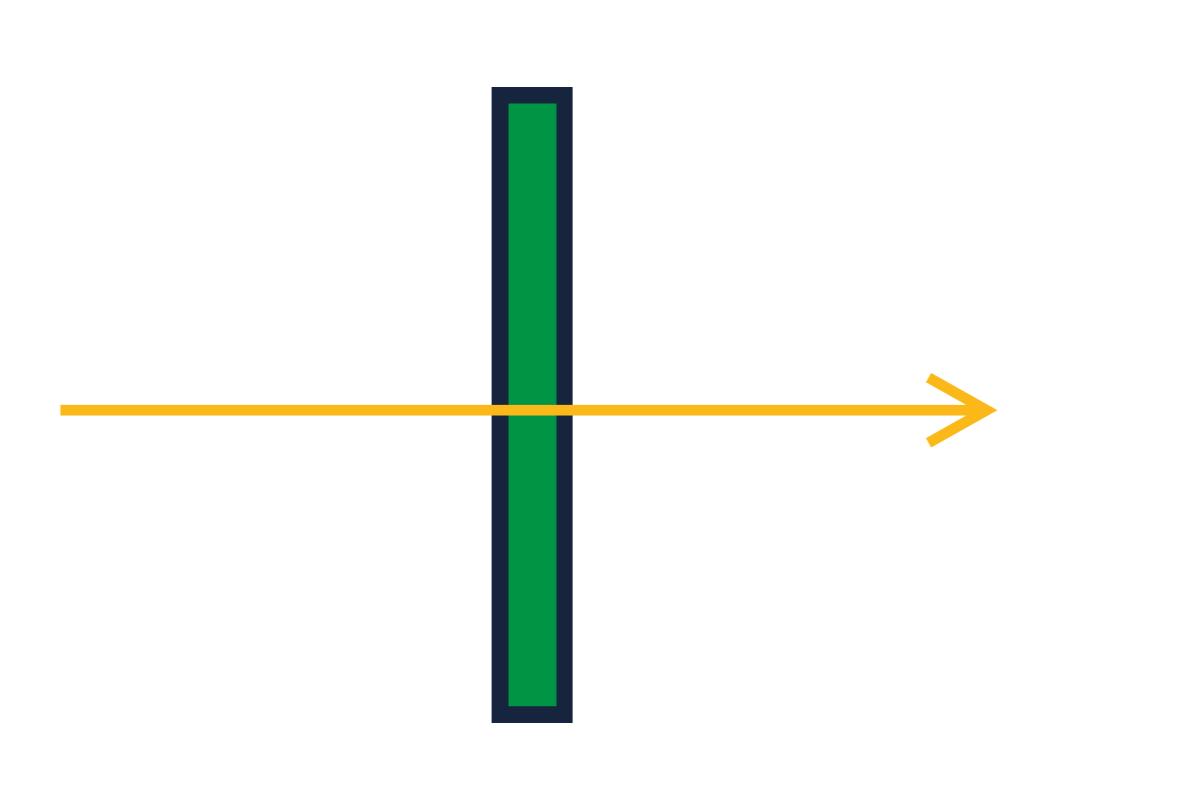
convex



When a mirror is bent outwards, creating an arch – the image looks smaller

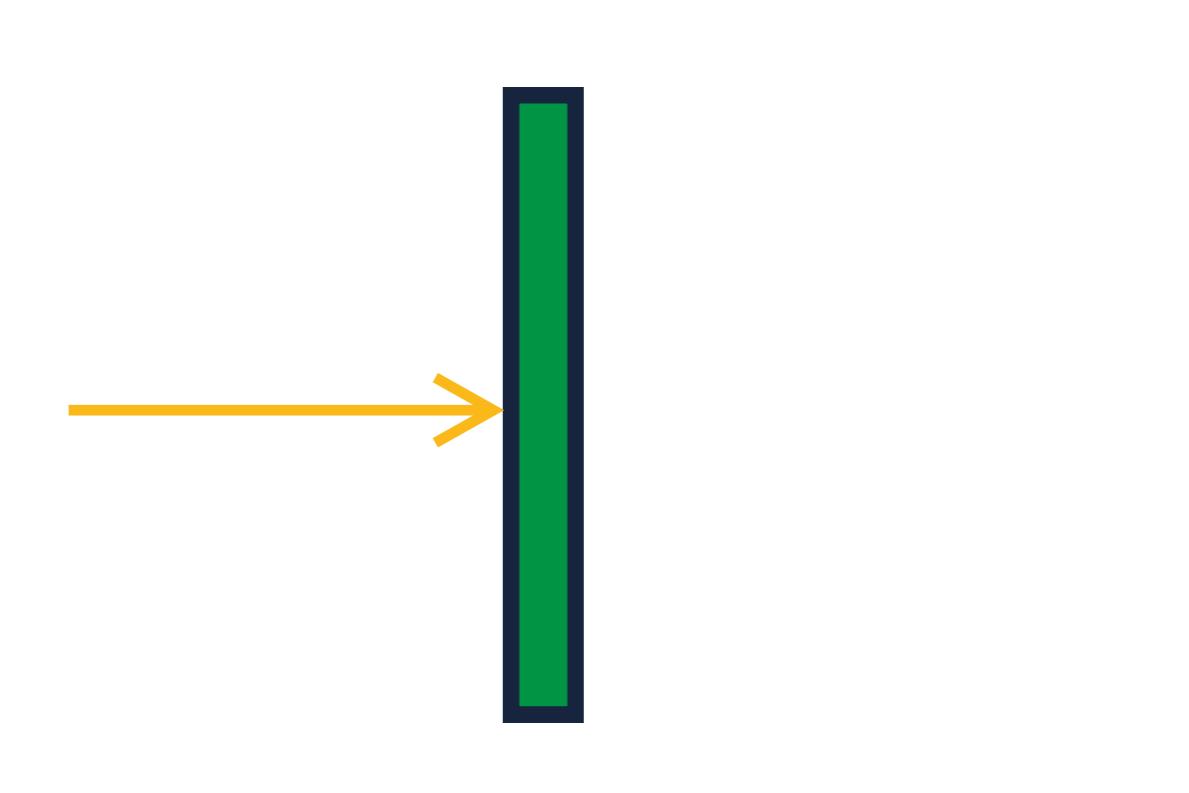


transparent



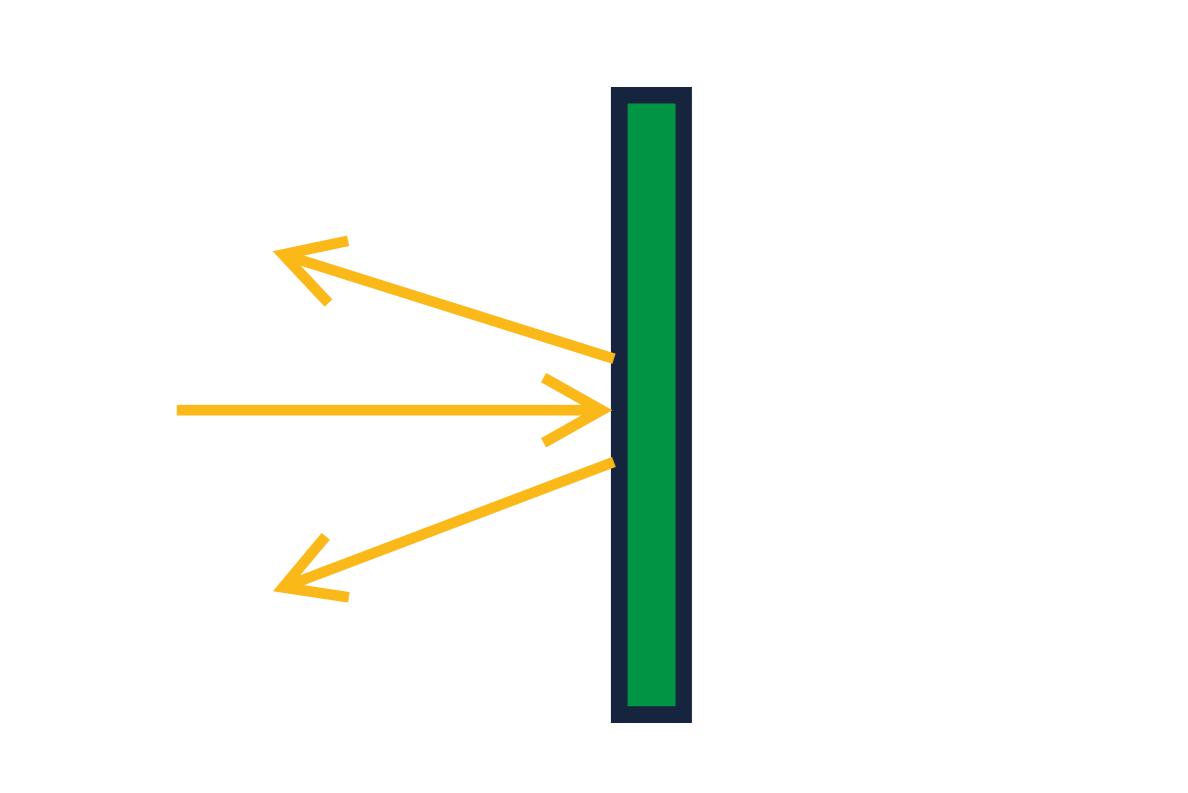
light can travel through an object or material

opaque



light cannot travel through an object or material

reflect



light bounces back from an object or material