Science 30	Unit C: Physics
Lesson 12 - Properties of Visible Light	84 mins

Properties of Visible Light

 Can go through: refraction: a bending in the direction of a wave that occurs when the wave changes speed reflection: a return of a wave from a boundary polarization: confining a wave to vibrate in one direction diffraction: the bending of a wave as it passes by obstacles or by the edges of an opening 	Draw each
by obstacles or by the edges of an opening	

Refraction vs Reflection

Refraction - bending of light through lenses	Reflection - using mirrors to change the direction of light
Draw concave and convex lenses and light reflecting	Draw concave and convex mirrors and light reflecting
Uses of each?	Uses of each?



Telescopes



Telescope Arrays

Array - usings several small telescopes to act as one big telescope.	Draw
Used primarily as Radio Telescopes	

False-Colour Images

false-colour image: an image that depicts an object in	Most really cool looking photos of space
colours that differ from how a person would see the	
same object using only his or her eyes; often used to	
produce images using EMR outside of the visible	
spectrum	

EMR Emitted by the sun



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Examples			

Refraction

Reflection

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Practice

1) The figure below shows a telescope that was designed by Johann Kepler.



- a. Is Kepler's telescope a refracting telescope or a reflecting telescope?
- b. Carefully compare the light rays in this telescope to the light rays in a refracting telescope. Determine a disadvantage of Kepler's design.

2) The figure below shows a telescope that is used in the Chandra X-ray telescope.



- a. Is the Chandra X-ray telescope a refracting telescope or a reflecting telescope?
- b. Carefully compare the light rays in this telescope to the light rays in a reflecting telescope. Determine why Chandra X-ray telescope might work the way it does.
- 3) Explain why astronomical observatories for infrared radiation are sometimes located in specially outfitted aircraft that can fly at high altitudes.
- 4) Explain why radio telescopes are so large.