

Videos and Activities for Mirrors and Lenses



Video #1- The Mummy: Light up the tomb (20 sec)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4WjF5yhqVg>

Video #2- How does LASIK surgery work?

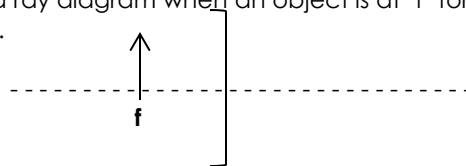
<http://www.msn.com/en-us/video/watch/how-does-lasik-work/vi-c6054d26-32f9-4ce5-9dd0-2509e72d7bf5>

Activity #1: Grab a **concave mirror** and a **converging lens**

1. Get a **concave mirror** (or the INSIDE of a SPOON) and find the focal length of it.
 - a. Explain how you found the focal length.

b. What is the focal length of the mirror or lens you chose? _____

- c. Sketch a ray diagram when an object is at 'f' for a concave mirror. It does not need to be to scale.

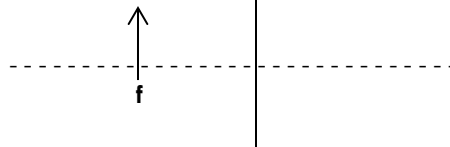


2. Get a **converging lens** and find the focal length of it.

a. Explain how you found the focal length.

b. What is the focal length of the mirror or lens you chose? _____

- c. Sketch a ray diagram when an object is at 'f' for a converging lens and show why there is no image.



Activity #2: You'll need a **diverging lens**.

- 2a) Look through the **diverging lens** at the giraffe on the side of the paper. Hold it about 5 cm above the giraffe.

Record your data:

measure h_o which is the actual height of the giraffe

$h_o =$ _____

measure p which is how far the giraffe is from the **lens**

$p =$ _____

measure h_i which is how tall the giraffe looks through the lens

$h_i =$ _____

Make sure you're not looking at the ruler through the lens too! 😊

- 2b) Calculate the approximate magnification of the **diverging lens**.

- 2c) Calculate the focal length of the **diverging lens**. (Solve for q first!)



Name _____ Hour _____

Activity #3 You'll need a spoon.

- 3a) What type of the mirror is the inside of a spoon? **concave / convex**
- 3b) What do you look like in the inside of a spoon? **smaller / larger** and **upright / inverted**
- 3c) What type of mirror is the back side of a spoon? **concave / convex**
- 3d) What do you look like on the back side of a spoon? **smaller / larger** and **upright / inverted**



Activity #4: Convex Mirror: Find a convex mirror. If you are in school this is easy. If you are at home, you can use the side view mirror on your car- the one that says "Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear," or you can use the OUTSIDE OF A SPOON!

- 4a) Stand in front of the mirror. You may have to turn it outward if it's the one on your car.

Record your data:

Measure p : how far away you are from the mirror **$p =$ _____**

Measure h_i : how tall your image is in the mirror **$h_i =$ _____**

Measure h_o : your actual height **$h_o =$ _____**



- 4b) Calculate the approximate magnification of the mirror.



- 4c) Calculate the focal length of the mirror. (2 steps...Find q first)

Activity #5: The Magic Coin Bank:

Place a coin in the magic bank. Don't worry; you can get it back by opening the drawer in the bottom!
Do not put other things in the bank!

- 5a) What happens? _____
- 5b) What type of lens must the box be to make it appear smaller and upright? _____
- 5c) What else could be happening inside the box? Tilt the box so the coins slide to the front...

Activity #6: Test your eyesight: Stand on the line marked. Cover one eye at a time and read the letters.

- 6a) What is the number of the last line you can read clearly? _____
- 6b) What is your eyesight? (ex. 20/100) _____
- 6c) Explain what those numbers mean.