



Sun Safety

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Aim

- I know that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways we can protect our eyes.

Success Criteria

- I can explain the benefits and dangers of the sun.
- I can explain about UV light and its dangers.
- I can describe ways to protect our eyes from the sun.

The Sun: Hero or Villain?

Have you ever been told not to look at the sun?
Is the sun good or bad?

The statements below are all things that the sun does. Get your family to join in this game. For each statement, choose to stand on the 'Hero' side of the room or the 'Villain' side of the room so you can all see how the sun can be good and bad.

Causes sunburn.

Helps people make
Vitamin D.

Provides warmth.

Causes wrinkles.

Helps plants make
food.

Makes people feel
happier.

Damages the eyes.

Can cause skin
cancer.

Is a source of light.

UV Light

The sun emits (gives out) rays of light.

We can't see all the types of light that come from the sun.

The visible spectrum is the name for the light that we can see, and is made up of the colours of the rainbow:



Another type of light that the sun emits is called UV light.

UV light is invisible to humans, but we can see and feel its effects.

UV Light

Some UV rays are blocked by the ozone layer, but most of the UV light from the sun reaches us on earth.

The amount of UV light that reaches us depends on different things.

It is stronger at midday and in the summer.

If there are no clouds there is more UV light.

It also gets stronger nearer to the equator.

The location can make a difference too - water, sand and snow all reflect UV light, making it stronger.

UV light causes sun burn, wrinkles and skin cancer, damages the eyes and can change the colour of some materials.

‘Seeing’ UV Light

Here is a simple investigation you can set up at home to see the effects of UV light.

1. Cut out several shapes from black card or paper.
2. Place them on a piece of coloured paper, and position them in a sunny spot for a week.
3. When you take the shapes off, you should see that the paper around the shapes has changed colour slightly.
4. The paper under the shapes will still look the same.
5. The UV light could not get to the paper under the shapes, so the paper under the shapes has not been damaged by the UV rays.

‘Seeing’ UV Light

The eye is made to let light in; this is how we see.

Look in the mirror. **Can you identify your pupil?** It looks like a black circle.

Light enters the eye through the pupil.

Look closely at your pupil in the mirror. Close your eyes for 30 seconds, then open them and look at your pupil. **What do you notice?**

The pupil grows bigger in the dark to allow more light to enter the eye, and gets smaller in bright light.



The Eye

If too much light comes through the pupil, it can damage the retina.

It causes pain, so that you instantly close your eyes, or turn away from a bright light.

It is very important that you never look directly at the sun, as the light can damage your eyes very quickly.

Bright lights indoors can also damage your eyes, so you should never look at them, or shine lights into anyone's eyes.



Protecting Your Eyes

To protect your skin from UV rays, you can cover up or wear sun cream.
But what can you do to protect your eyes?

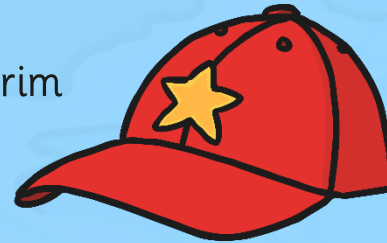
There are several things you should do to protect your eyes from the sun or other bright lights.

- You should wear sunglasses when out in the sun. Sunglasses have a UV rating to show how well they block UV rays. Make sure you get sunglasses with a high UV rating.
- Some sunglasses don't have a UV rating - these are really just toy sunglasses and don't protect your eyes. In fact, because they have dark lenses but no UV filter, the pupil opens wider, actually letting in more UV rays!



Protecting Your Eyes

- Wrap around sunglasses are best, as they cover more of the eye.
- You can also wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your eyes.
- Make sure you have regular eye tests to check your eyes.
- Even if you are wearing sunglasses and a hat, you should still never look directly at the sun.

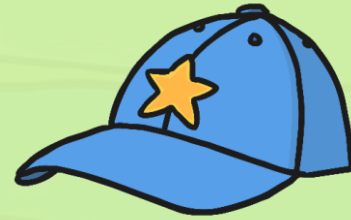


Design Your Own!

Now you know how the sun can damage your eyes, and how to protect your eyes.

You have two tasks. The first one is to design a pair of sunglasses or a hat that will protect someone's eyes from the harmful effects of the sun. If you are able to why don't you have a go at junk modelling to make the prototype! You could then advertise your sun protection item using a poster or a PowerPoint. Tell your customers why they need to buy your sunglasses or hat.

Task 2: Is to make an information poster to warn people of the harmful effects of the sun, but also educate them on what they can do to protect themselves.



Design Your Own: Part 1!

Sun Safety Design Task 1

After watching the PowerPoint your task is to design an item which will provide protection from the sun for the wearer.

Design Your Own: Part 2!

Sun Safety Design Task 2

After watching the PowerPoint your task is to design a poster to warn people about the dangers and need for protection from the sun. Use the Success grid here to help you know which information to include.

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