**Vocabulary: Color Absorption**



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* Absorb – to take in or soak up.
	+ When light is absorbed by a substance, it is not reflected or transmitted through the substance.
* Primary colors – a set of colors (usually three) that can be combined to produce all other colors.
	+ The three primary colors of light used most often are red, green, and blue.
	+ The primary colors used in color printing are cyan (light blue), magenta (pink), and yellow. (Black ink is also used.)
	+ Artists often use red, yellow, and blue as primary colors.
* Reflect – to bounce back from a surface.
* Transmit – to allow to pass through.
	+ Light can be transmitted through transparent substances like glass.
	+ When light hits clear glass, it is actually absorbed by the atoms in the glass, and then transmitted by the atoms to the other side.
* Transparent – allowing light to pass through it.
	+ Objects can clearly be seen through a transparent material like glass or air.
	+ Practically all substances lose their transparency when there is a thick enough layer of the substance. A glass of water is transparent, but a lake or ocean is not.