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Look closely at the objects below.

- What material is each object made from?
- If we shine a flashlight on each object, which ones will let the light travel through them and which ones will not?



Think about how much light each material would let through.





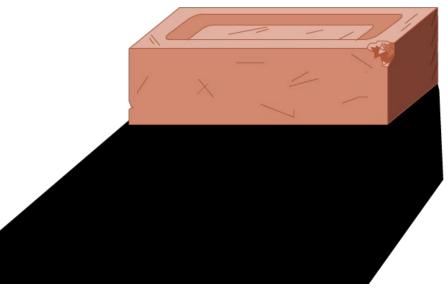
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Materials that do not let any light pass through them are called opaque.



The brick is opaque. You cannot see through it and it blocks out all light.







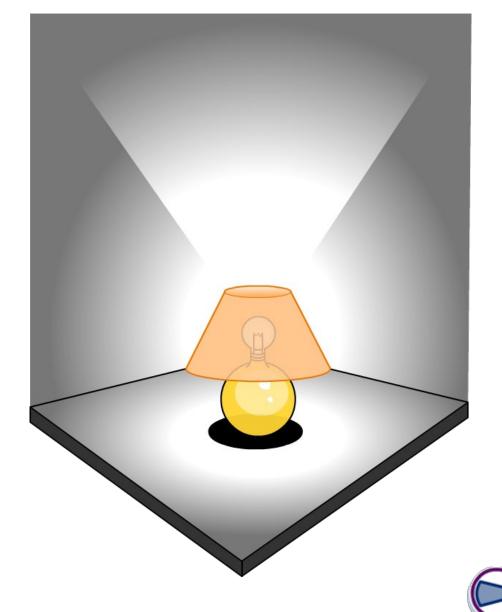
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Materials that let some light pass through them but are not see-through are called translucent.

Translucent materials block out some light, but not all of it.

This lampshade is made of a translucent material so that the room is lit, but not too brightly.





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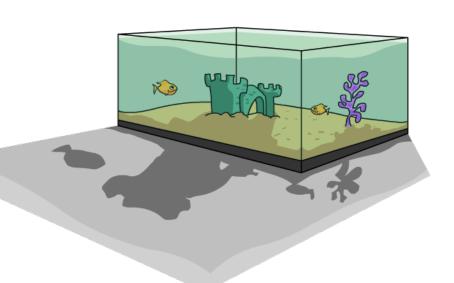


Materials that are see-through and let almost all light pass through them are called **transparent**.



The glass in this fish tank is transparent because it is clear, colorless and you can see straight through it.

Light passes through transparent materials very easily.







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