Light and Shadow

Amazing Fact

You can buy a torch which is 20 000 times brighter than a regular torch. It can be used to start fires, melt polystyrene and even fry eggs!

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Challenge 1

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Light travels in	lines from a			of light, which		
bounces off an object. We can see the	iuse the	ente	ers our eyes.			
Wood and cardboard are		_ objects, which light cannot travel through.				
is α		material which allows light				
to pass through. Tissue paper is	which will let some light					
travel through. When an object bloc	, α					
is formed. Shadows are	_ at midday and					
at the end of the day.						
				light		
		longest	transparent	source		
0	light	opaque	shadow	straight		
			translucent	glass		
				shortest		

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Challenge 2

Sort the materials into 3 groups: opaque, transparent and translucent.

Transparent		Opaque	Translucent

paper		ice cubes	window
pencil		sandwich bag	glass bottle
sticky tape		chair	tin can

You could also try to find out:

- · what the brightest light on Earth is;
- · how far searchlights can cast their beams;
- how far your torch at home will shine;
- about the relationship between light and heat.

An Amazing Fact a Day

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opaqueok	ojects, which lic	ght cannot trave	el through	Glass	is a	transparent
material, which	allows light to	pass through. T	issue paper is_	translu	cent _, whic	n will let some light
travel through.	When an object	ct blocks out the	e light , a <u>shado</u>	<u>w</u> i	s formed. Sh	adows are
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