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## Angle of incidence =

 angle of reflection

## THE LAW OF REFLECTION

- The angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection.
- The image in a plane mirror is virtual and is the same size as the object.

- Plane mirrors are used in periscopes.
- They are used in rear view mirrors.
- The image is as far behind the mirror is as the object is in front.
- Image is laterally inverted



## PERISCOPES

## Mirror

Light
Mirror



## LIGHT REFLECTION

When light hits a surface it is reflected.
Most surfaces SCATTER light in all directions.
Mirrors and other shiny objects REFLECT light in specific directions.

SCATTERED LIGHT


PAPER

REFLECTED LIGHT


MIRROR

## REFLECTION

When a light ray hits a surface we call it an INCIDENT RAY. The light reflected off the surface is called a REFLECTED RAY.


REMEMBER
When light hits a mirror
the angle of incidence $=$ the angle of reflection

Specular and Diffuse Reflection


Specular
Reflection


Figure 2
Shiny smooth surfaces reflect regularly, other surfaces also reflect light but if the surface is rough the light is reflected in all directions. We call this diffuse reflection.


## Diffuse Reflection



