

The Importance of Light

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Light is important for many reasons. Light and heat energy from the sun warms Earth. Without the light and heat energy from the sun, Earth would be freezing cold. In addition, the sun's light is needed for plants to grow. Also, without light, there would be no colors. Can you think of another reason that light is important?

Try to imagine a world in which there is no light- no sun, no stars, no candles, and no light bulbs. What would be different? If you just said that it would be dark, you are only partly right. What else would change? Without light, you would not be able to see anything! A world without light is almost impossible to imagine.



Here is a scene with lots of light.



Here is the same scene without any light.

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1. Without the light and heat energy from the sun, how would Earth feel?

2. Without light, how would plants be affected?

3. Without light, how would what you see be affected?

4. What is the main idea of this text?

5. Look closely at the text. Which sentence from the text that most closely states the main idea of the text?