# Lenses: Day 1





- 1. What is a lens
- 2. List as many devices you know that use one or more lens.
- 3. What does a lenses do?

# **Types of Lenses**

- **uses**: microscope, telescope, binoculars, or a camera
- A **lens** is a curved transparent material that is smooth and regularly shaped
- The light refracts in a predictable and useful way.
- Most lenses are made of transparent glass or very hard plastic.

# **Types of Lenses**

- it is possible to make light rays diverge or converge as they pass through the lens.
- light rays that refract through them can be used to magnify or project images



# **Types of Lenses**

 Relative to the object, the image produced by a thin lens can be real or virtual, inverted or upright, larger or smaller.

converging lenses (thickest in the middle) diverging lenses (thinnest in the middle)



#### **REMEMBER!**

# • The index of refraction of a lens is greater than the index of refraction of air

#### **Light Rays and Refraction**

- Light rays entering lenses will refract toward the normal.
- Exiting light rays will refract away from the normal.
  - The light rays undergo two refractions, the first on entering the lens and the second on leaving the lens



### Drawing a Ray Diagram for a Lens

- **Thin lens** have a thickness that is slight compared to its focal length.
- An example-eyeglass lens.
- draw a ray diagram of a thin lens by assuming that all the refraction takes place at the axis of symmetry.



### Lens Terminology

- The principal axis -a perpendicular line drawn through the optical centre.
- The **axis of symmetry** is a vertical line drawn through the optical centre of a lens.



# Lens Terminology

- Both kinds of lenses have two **principal focuses**.
- The focal point where light focus or diverges from
- F on one side of the lens,
  F' on the other side.



# Lens Terminology

- The focal length, *f*= distance from the axis of symmetry to the focus.
- lenses have two equal focal lengths.



# **Convex Lenses**

- A converging lens is also called a convex lens
- As parallel light rays travel through a convex lens, they are refracted toward the principal axis.
- This causes the rays to move toward each other. The light rays cross at the focal point of the lens.
- Converging lenses are often used as magnifying glasses





#### Forming a Real Image During Reading

- Convex lenses are useful because they can form a real image on a screen.
- The screen must be placed where light rays converge. This is the point where rays come to a single point.
- When the rays from every point on the candle are sent to the screen, a complete image is formed.



#### Drawing a Convex Lens Ray Diagram

- 1. Any ray that is parallel to the principal axis is refracted through the principal focus (F).
- 2. A ray that passes through the secondary principal focus (F') is refracted parallel to the principal axis.
- 3. A ray that passes through the optical center goes straight through, without bending

As with converging mirrors, only two rays are required to locate an image. The third one acts as a check

#### Object beyond 2F' (An object more than two times the distance of the focal length from the lens)





## Object between 2F' and F'





## Object in front of F'



#### **Convex Lenses**

Distance of Object from Lens	Type of Image Formed	How Image Is Used	Ray Diagram
More than two focal lengths	Smaller, inverted, real	A camera uses this distance to make smaller images of an object.	image object F
Between one and two focal lengths	Larger, inverted, real	Photographic enlargers, slide projectors, and movie projectors use this distance.	object F image
Less than one focal length away	Larger, upright, virtual	Magnifying glasses and reading glasses make use of this distance.	image object F