



Afterimage

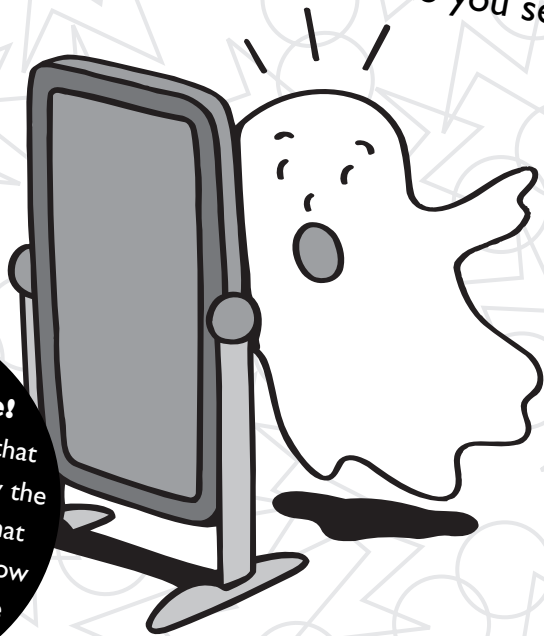
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What You Need

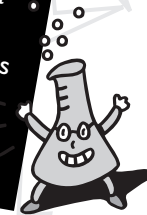
- 2 pieces of white paper
- colored markers (red, green, and blue)

- 1 **Draw** a simple picture (like a circle) on white paper. **Color** in the picture with a green marker.
- 2 **Stare** at the picture for about 30 seconds.
- 3 **Quickly look** at a blank sheet of white paper. What do you see?



Science Scoop

When you stare at the color green for about 30 seconds, the parts of your eye that detect green get "tired." So when you look at white paper, the parts of your eye that detect other colors take over. They combine to give you a magenta (a mix of red and blue) afterimage. In a few moments, the magenta image fades as the parts of your eye that detect green begin working again. What color is the afterimage when you stare at the color red or at blue?



Now it's time for you to **experiment**. Try making a new picture with a different **color**. What color is the afterimage? What happens if you add a **pattern**, like stripes? What happens if you change the amount of time that you **stare** at the picture? Choose **one thing** to change (that's the variable), and make a **prediction**. Then **test it** and send your results to ZOOM.

Extra Challenge!

Think of an afterimage that you want to see and draw the picture that will create that afterimage. For example, how can you see an afterimage of a yellow banana?



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