Light and Matter: Reading Messages from the Cosmos
5.1 Light in Everyday Life

• How do we experience light?
• How do light and matter interact?
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5.2 Properties of Light

- What is light?
- What is the electromagnetic spectrum?
Light with a short wavelength

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• What are the phases of matter?
• How is energy stored in atoms?
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5.4 Learning from Light

- What are the three basic types of spectra?
- How does light tell us what things are made of?
- How does light tell us the temperature of planets and stars?
- How does light tell us the speed of a distant object?
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