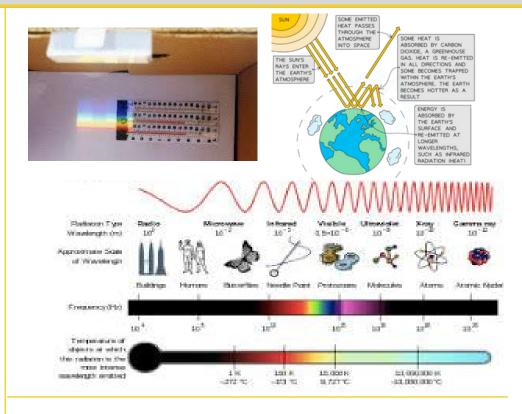


1	Allelectromagnetic waves are transverse waves.
2	All electromagnetic wavestravel at the same speed in a vacuum (3 x 108 m/s). This is often referred to as the 'speed of light'.
	Some animals are able to detect electromagnetic waves with higher or
3	lower frequenciesthan visible light. For example, birds can detect UV light and snakes can detect infrared.
4	William Herschel discoveredinfrared by using a prism to split sunlight into a spectrum and placing a thermometer in each of the coloursand just beyond the red end of the spectrum.
5	The waves that make up the electromagnetic spectrum are radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet, x-rays and gamma rays.
6	Radio waves have the longest wavelength(and therefore lowest
	frequency) of all the EM waves in the spectrum.
7	Gamma rayshave the highest wavelength (and therefore the highest
	frequency) of all the EM waves I the spectrum.
	Most telescopesuse curved mirrors to focus the EM radiation onto a
8	central sensor. (higher only)
	The type of material usedfor the mirror and the size of the telescope
9	depend on the wavelength of the radiation being studied.
	Radio waves are produced by oscillations (variation in current and
10	voltage)in electrical circuits.
	A metal rod canbe used as an aerial to receive radio waves. The radio
11	waves are absorbed by the metal rod and cause oscillations in the electrical circuit connected to the aerial.
12	Someradio waves and all microwaves pass through the ionosphere (a region of charged particles in the atmosphere).
	Some frequencies of radio waves are refracted by the ionosphere.
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	.The intensity of radiation emitted increases with temperature.
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15	The higher the temperature, the shorter the wavelength.
16	For the temperatureon Earth to stay the same, the Earth must radiate energy into space at the same average rate it is absorbed.
17	Some gases in our atmosphere (such as carbon dioxide) naturally absorb some energy, keeping the Earth at a higher temperaturethan if there were no atmosphere. This is known as the greenhouse effect.
18	EMwaves with shorter wavelengths (Gamma, X-rays and UV) are known as ionisingradiation.
19	Ionisingradiation has the ability to cause mutations in your DNA which can kill cells or sometimes lead to cancer.