Images in Lenses

Lenses and the Formation of Images

- Converging Lens a lens that is thickest in the middle
- * causes incident parallel light rays to converge through one point after refraction



Lenses and the Formation of Images

- Diverging Lens a lens that is thinnest in the middle
- causes incident parallel rays to spread apart (diverge) after refraction



A shortcut!

Light is actually refracted twice when it goes through a lens. It refracts a first time when it enters the lens (as it goes from air to glass) and a second time when it leaves the lens (goes from glass to air).

A shortcut!

* But we use a shortcut when drawing ray diagrams! Draw a dashed line through the middle of the lens and this allows to show the light being refracted one time.



Terminology for a converging lens

* Optical Centre - the centre of the lens (0)



Terminology for a converging lens Principal axis - Line through the optical centre that is perpendicular to the central dashed line of the lens

Terminology for a converging lens

* Principal focus- Point on the principal axis where the light rays converge after refraction.







Images in a Lens

* Emergent ray - the light ray that leaves a lens after refraction.

* A think lens will cause more displacement then a thin lens.

3 rules for finding images in converging

* 1) A ray parallel to the principal axis is refracted as if it came through F.

* p 553 #3-6

* Finish filling in 'Images in Lenses' sheet, us your textbook for help.

* p 561 #2,3,5,6