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**READING STRATEGY** **SKIM**

Use with textbook page 21.

**REMEMBER** When you skim a text, you get an understanding of what the text is about. To skim, look at the title, images, and captions. Read the paragraphs quickly and skip over words you don't know.

Skim the article. Then answer the questions that follow.

**How Mirrors Work**

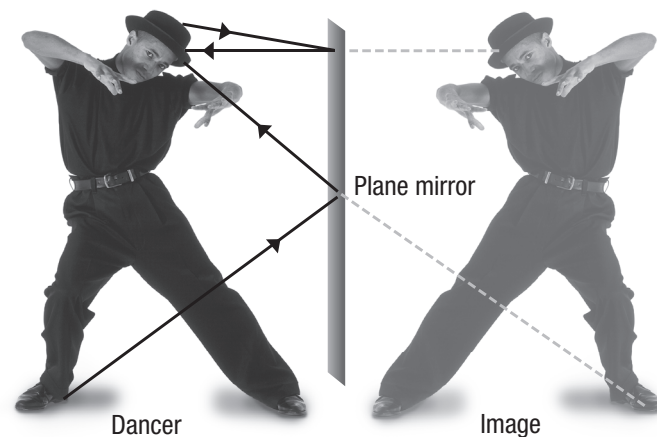
When you look in a mirror, you see a reflection of yourself. How does this happen?

A mirror reflects light rays smoothly and evenly. That is how a mirror produces an image that looks just like the actual thing it is reflecting.

A mirror is a sheet of glass that has a smooth, silver-colored coating on one side. Glass is transparent, so light passes through it. The silver coating reflects the light rays.

**Reflection**

Look at this picture. The light rays from the dancer hit the mirror. The mirror reflects the light rays back toward the dancer's eyes. The brain interprets the rays as coming from behind the mirror.



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1. Circle the first thing you looked at when you began to skim this article.
2. What did you learn from the images and captions?  
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3. Skim the first two paragraphs. What is the general topic of the article?  
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4. Read the last paragraph quickly. Write a sentence explaining what the article is about.  
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