

Symmetry and Asymmetry

Activity 1. Asymmetrical Objects

When we reflect an object in a mirror, we get another object that is very much like the original, yet in general not quite the same. Our left hand is the mirror image of our right hand. However a left glove does not fit in the right hand. Some objects are right-handed or left-handed, such as screws, shoes, gloves, some molecules, and some letters. By reflection in a mirror a right-handed object is turned into a left-handed object.

