## Who Can See Who? <br> Video Notes

Suppose you have five students sitting in front of a plane mirror ... and an Observer, marked $O$ on the diagram. How can we predict which students the Observer sees in the mirror?

| B $^{\bullet}$ | $C^{\bullet}$ |  |  |
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Step 1: Locate the image of all students
Measure from each student to the mirror and directly across the mirror the same distance.
Mark the image of student A and label it as A'. The prime symbol (') indicates image.
Repeat this image-locating procedure for all students. A mirror extension line will be needed for Objects A, B and E.


## Line of Sight Principle:

To see anything, you must sight along a line at that thing.

For instance, to see a monkey in the corner of the room, you must sight along a line at the monkey. You are able to see the monkey because light from the monkey travels along the line of sight to your eye.

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Step 2: Use the Line-of-sight method to determine which image can be seen.
Align a sight line from the Observer to each student's image. If the sight line intersects the mirror, then the Observer will be able to see that student's image in the mirror.
Example 1: For Student A, the sight line to A's image intersects the mirror; light from Student A reflects off the mirror to the eye. The Observer can see Student A in the mirror. Example 2: When the Observer sights at Student B's image, there is no mirror along that line of sight to reflect light to the Observer's eye. The Observer cannot see B in the mirror.


Students who can be seen: A, C, and D

## Students who can NOT be seen: B and E

