What You Should Know from "Wave Phenomenon"!

1.) What is Snell's Law mathematically?

2.) What does Snell's Law do for you?

3.) How can a light ray "slow down" when it enters a dense material?

4.) When using Snell's Law, how are angles measures (that is, they are measured relative to what)?

5.) How is the index of refraction defined?

6.) When a light ray passes from a less dense material to a more dense material, what does it do relative to the normal?

7.) When a light ray passes from a more dense material to a less dense material, what does it do relative to the normal?

8.) What happens when a light ray comes into contact with an interface at the "critical angle?"

9.) How is the critical angle defined mathematically?

10.) For a "critical angle" to make sense, does light have to be traveling from a less to more dense situation or from a more to less dense situation?

11.) Why does a person seem all jammed up underwater when you view them from above water level a distance away?

12.) Light that should bury itself into the asphalt on a desert highway in the summer "wheels" upward as it gets close to the hot surface. How, physically, does that work?

13.) How do mirages happen?

- 14.) Why is the sky blue?
- 15.) Why is the sun so red at sunset?
- 16.) Why does the sun seem squashed at sunset?

17.) Why does light "spread out" when it passes through a prism?

18.) What color refracts the most when passing through a prism? Which the least?

19.) What is the green flash and how does it happen?