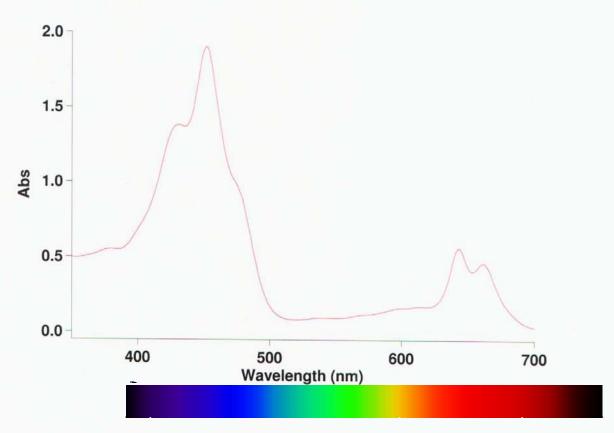
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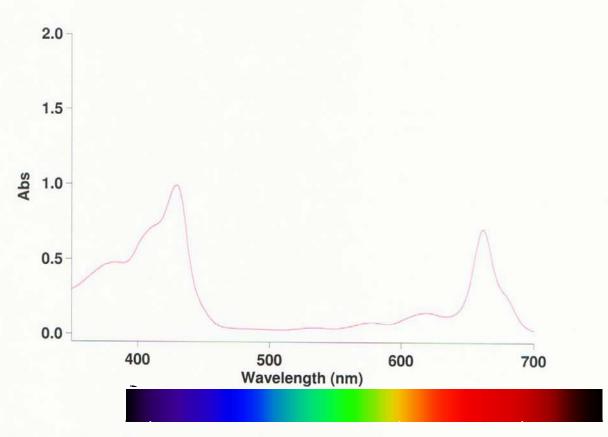
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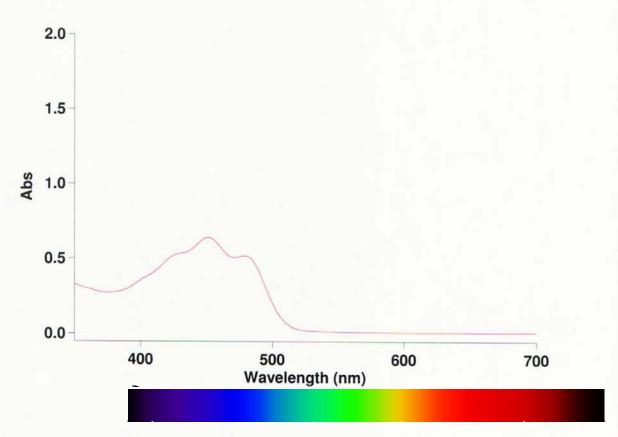
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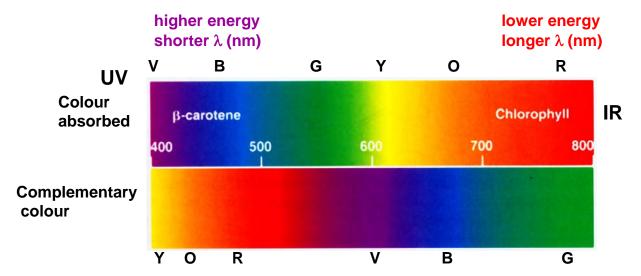
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Wavelength (nm) Abs 479.0 451.1 0.521

Colour

If white light is spread out by a prism, we can see that it is composed of different colors. Each color corresponds to a different wavelength.



When a substance absorbs light, we we perceive the complementary color, because the light which reaches our eyes is missing the wavelengths which have been absorbed.

Complementary Colours

The color of a compound depends on the wavelength of light which it absorbs – a colourless compound absorbs no visible light, whereas a black substance absorbs all wavelengths.

A colour wheel can be a useful, <u>qualitative</u> mnemonic.

For example – a predominant pigment in green plants is chlorophyll b – which absorbs red light.

Carrots are orange because of compounds such as β -carotene – which absorb blue light.

