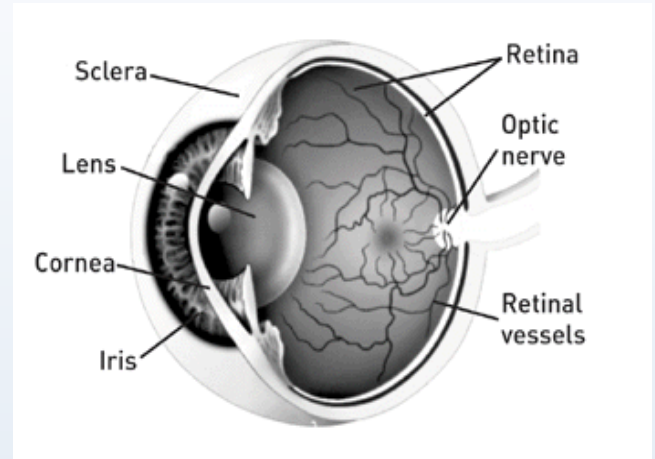


Vision Conditions that Require Corrective Lenses

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The most common **vision problems** are refractive errors, more commonly known as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and presbyopia. Refractive errors occur when the shape of the eye prevents light from focusing directly on the retina. The length of the eyeball (either longer or shorter), changes in the shape of the cornea, or aging of the lens can cause refractive errors. Most people have one or more of these conditions.



<u>Condition</u>	<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Myopia "near-sighted"	Can't see things far away	The physical length of the eye is larger than the optical length	Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, Surgery (such as Lasik)
Hyperopia "far-sighted"	Can't see things close up	The physical length of the eye is smaller than the optical length	Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, Surgery (such as Lasik)
Presbyopia	Diminished ability to see nearby objects	The lens loses its focusing power over time	Eyeglasses or Contact Lenses
Astigmatism	Vision is out of focus	Irregular curvature of the cornea or lens.	Eyeglasses or Contact Lenses

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