

# Lighting

To help you work with light and understand it better use the following:

- What type or quality of light is being used?
- Where is it coming from?
- What effect does this have upon the subject and background?

## **Task 1**

Look through assorted photographic books or the internet and find some examples of subjects lit by hard light and examples of subjects lit by soft light.

Look closely at the effect the light has on the subjects' texture, form and detail and overall mood of the picture.

## **Task 2**

Find an example of a photograph where the subject has been lit by a single light source and an example where more than one light has been used.

Look particularly at the quality and position of the brightest or main light and the effect this has on the subject. In the second example look at the quality and effect the additional light has.

## **Task 3**

Illuminate a subject with a direct light source. Take the time to move the light around to see what effects it has on the subject. Now try diffusing the light source.

## **Task 4**

Set up a situation where the subject is back lit.

**Keep the frame constant for all the images taken**

Take one picture with camera flash and one with it not on.

What effect does this have on the image?

## **Task 5**

Create one high key and one low key image.

Note the lighting used for each image.