



Add Catch Light to the Subject's Eyes

Light reflected in a subject's eyes, called "catch light," makes a subject's eyes sparkle – and draws more attention to them. I add catch light with a flash or with a reflector, or by positioning the subject's face in such a way that the light from the sky adds catch light.

For this photograph of two Masai boys, I positioned the subjects in the doorway of their hut on a sunny day. Light from the bright sky created the nice catch light.

The next time you are going through the checkout line at the supermarket, notice the eyes of the models on the covers of the fashion magazines. Yup! It's there: catch light.