

24.21. Model: Use the photon model of light.

Solve: (a) The wavelength is calculated as follows:

$$E_{\text{gamma}} = hf = h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda}\right) \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

(b) The energy of a visible-light photon of wavelength 500 nm is

$$E_{\text{visible}} = h\left(\frac{c}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})(3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{500 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 3.978 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

The number of photons n such that $E_{\text{gamma}} = nE_{\text{visible}}$ is

$$n = \frac{E_{\text{gamma}}}{E_{\text{visible}}} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}}{3.978 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = 2.51 \times 10^5$$