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The use of skylights to introduce light from above. Best done with a diffusing or prismatic skylight to prevent direct sun rays from causing overly bright spots. Skylights should generally be no more than 5-6% of the roof area.
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The use of high windows, above the ceiling line. Best done when the window faces north to prevent direct solar radiation. With north facing fenestration, ceiling aperture can be very large. Interior finishes of well are important, but appealing surfaces such as wood can be used.
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Angled ceiling produces more indirect light, increasing the efficiency of the skylight and allowing less glazing. Also best if north facing.