

Physics - Electricity



Subject	Specific Vocabulary
Electricity	Electricity is the presence and flow of electric charge (electrons) in one direction.
current	Current is the flow of an electric charge.
circuit	A circuit is a complete path around which electricity can flow. It must include a source of electricity, such as a battery.
appliance	A piece of equipment that performs a particular job.
switch	A switch is something that changes the flow of an electrical circuit.
conductor	A conductor is a material which electricity can flow through.
insulator	A material that does not let electricity travel through it easily is known as an insulator .
component	The parts that make an electrical circuit
cell	An electrical cell is a device used to generate electricity .
battery	A battery is one or more cells, connected.

Associated Diagram

Incomplete circuit

complete circuit



Dangers = baby near wire, frayed/damaged wire, knife in toaster, hob left on, radio near sink

Sticky Knowledge

Name three appliances that run on electricity.

Washing machine, toaster, dishwasher, kettle etc.

Name an example of a material or object which conducts electricity.

Metal objects (fork, coin).

Name an example of a material or object which is an electrical insulator.

Wood, plastic cotton, paper.

List the components that would typically be used for a circuit.

Bulb, battery,/cell, wire, switch, buzzer

Use scientific vocabulary to explain what a switch does in an electric circuit.

A switch changes the flow of electrical current. It can be used to stop the flow of the current.