Energy and Electricity

Keyword	Definition	Circuit Symbols	Potential Difference	l
Energy Transfer	Changes from one form of energy to another form of energy.	O O Image: Cell Battery	Potential difference is a measure of the difference in energy between two parts of a circuit. Potential difference is measured in volts. (V)	
Conservation of Energy	Energy cannot be created or destroyed	——————————————————————————————————————	A voltmeter is used to measure the potential difference, and must be connected either side of a component.	
Kinetic Energy	Energy which an object possesses by being in motion	Lamp Voltmeter Ammeter	Series Circuit	
Elastic Potential Energy	Energy stored in squashed, stretched or twisted materials.	Resistor Variable resistor Motor	In series circuits: There is only way around the circuit. The current is the same everywhere in a series	(A) 0.5A 0.5
Gravitational Potential Energy	The energy stored by an object lifted up against the force of gravity.	Electric Current In electric wires particles called electrons flow from the negative to the positive side of a battery. For an electric current to flow we need:	 circuit. The potential difference is shared between each component in the circuit. 	
Vibrational Energy	When a sound is made as particles vibrate	 Something to transfer the energy to the electrons, such as a cell, battery or power pack. A complete path for the electrons to flow through (a complete circuit). 	Parallel Circuit	
Thermal Energy Store	Energy store filled when an object is warmed up.	Current Current is measured in amperes (A).	 In parallel circuits: Different components are connected on different branches. 	
Power	The rate of work done. Or The energy transferred per second.	An ammeter is used to measure the current. The ammeter must be connected as part of the circuit	 Current is shared between the components. The potential difference is the same for each of the branches. 	
		Equations To Use Power = energy / time		
		Power is measured in Watts (W)	Resistance	
		Energy is measured in Joules (J)	The wires and other components in a circuit reduce the flow of current through them – this is called resistance. The resistance increases when you add more components in series. The resistance of two lamps is greater than the resistance of one lamp, so less current will flow through them.	
		Time is measured in seconds (s) Cost of electricity Cost = number of kilowatt hours x cost per kilowatt hour		
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