CURRENT ELECTRICITY









Static Electricity



- Charge builds up on an object.
- This charge is **'discharged'** in an uncontrolled way (when you rub your feet on the carpet and then shock someone, or like lightning).

Current Electricity

- Charge is used in a controlled way by allowing it to travel through a circuit.
- A circuit is a **path** for **electricity** to flow through.
- The charges flow from an energy source such as a battery to a device that uses the energy.





Source

The energy source in a circuit provides
electrical energy to the circuit.



Source

- Wall plugs: electrical energy is delivered by **power lines.**
- Electrochemical cell: energy from chemical reactions is turned into electrical energy.
- A **battery** is a combination of one or more cells.





Source: Elaborations

- The energy from chemical reactions is used to move electrons from one terminal to another.
- The separated electrons are attracted to the positive terminal and 'want' to return, but lack a pathway.
- When you plug in a device, you give the electrons a pathway...that is, if they do **work** for you.
- When all the chemical energy is expended, the cell is dead and must be disposed of.

Source: Elaborations

What does an electrochemical cell look like? How does it work?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpFC_Ecu_yQ





- A load is a device that **converts** electrical energy into **another form**.
 - •A toaster converts electrical energy into **heat** energy.
 - A motor converts electrical energy into **mechanical** energy (the energy of movement).
 - •A light bulb converts electrical energy into heat energy and light energy.



Switch



- The switch controls the flow of electric charges.
- When a switch is **open**, the pathway is **not complete** so no charge flows through the circuit.
- When a switch is **closed** the path is **complete** and current does flow through the circuit.

Drawing Circuit Diagrams

	PART OF CIRCUIT	SYMBOL
	Conducting Wire	
• When we draw	Cell	+ –
diagrams of	Two-Cell Battery	+ -
circuits, the different parts	Open Switch	
are represented	Closed Switch	
by these	Light Bulb (lamp)	
different	Ammeter	A
5y1110015.	Voltmeter	
	Resistor	-~~~-



- Go back to the first page of notes and draw in the proper symbols for each of the following where appropriate:
 - o Cell
 - o Two-cell battery
 - Open switch
 - o Closed switch
 - o Light bulb
 - Resistor*

Example #1

• A simple circuit with a single cell, a switch and a light bulb.



Series & Parallel Circuits

In circuits, it is possible to have 2 different pathways:

• Series: current must travel through every device in circuit • **Parallel**: current **splits** and some will go through each device



Example #2

• A circuit consisting of a battery of **2 cells** in series, an open **switch**, and **2 lamps** in parallel.

