Science 9 – What is Static Electricity? (Static Electricity Notes 1)

 The effects of static electricity are all around you e.g. clothes from dryer, lightning, from metal doors A static charge is an electric charge that is (not moving). Eventually static charges are, or lost, to other objects or to the air. The study of static electric charge is called We cannot see electric charge directly. Instead, we observe its effects: e.g is a discharge of static electricity 	
Types of Electric Charge	
o Benjamin Franklin showed that lightning is a form of	
by flying a kite during a thunderstorm.	2
 Because of experiments by Franklin and others, it was determined that 	
materials can be:	
• Positively charged (+)	
Negatively charged (-)	
• Uncharged or neutral (0)	
Recall from chemistry that all matter is made up of tiny particles called Three smaller (subatomic) particles make up the atom:, neutrons and Protons and neutrons are strongly attached to the nucleus but electrons are outside of the nucleus are can be easily or Neutral objects are ones with numbers of protons and electrons. Charged objects have acquired a negative or positive charge depending on whether they (+) electrons.	Figure 7.2 An atom (-) or
Laws of Electric Charges	—
o The law of electric charges states that "like charges and unlike	opposite charges attract
charges"	
Two positive objects push away from each other	(+)
o Two objects push away from each other	like charges repel
One positive and one negative will each other	- →

Electrostatic Series A list of materials in order of increasing attraction for electrons. It shows you which object is more likely to _____ or ____ electrons when two objects are rubbed against each other due to _____ of electrons

	Static Electric Charge Examples
• A	an amber rod develops a charge when rubbed with wool or fur.
• A	a plastic rod develops a charge when rubbed with cotton
• V	When objects are rubbed against each other, they can transfer charge from one to another
C	only move around – not
• S	ome materials are more likely than others to give up electrons.
0	Ex. When acetate (a type of plastic used in overhead transparencies) is rubbed with
	paper, the acetate develops a() charge and the paper develops a
	() charge.
0	Example: if rubber was rubbed with silksilk is more likely to electrons so it would
	become charged, giving electrons to the rubber and making it charged.

