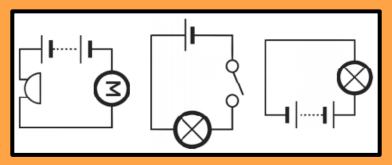


## **ELECTRICITY**

### **Key Facts**

- Electricity is a type of energy which can be used to power household items like toasters, tvs, kettles, play stations, fridges and washing machines.
- Electricity can be found in a mains or battery. Mains need plugging into a socket and battery's have stored electricity which can be put into electrical items. These can sometimes be charged.
- Electricity is made by electrons (particles in an atom) moving around in a current.
- For electricity to work it needs to be in a circuit. If the circuit is broken, it will not work.
- The battery, or cell, has a positive and negative side, they
  must always have opposite sides facing.
- Switches can be made using conductors. Switches break an electrical circuit.
- Some objects conduct electricity; this means they allow electricity to flow through them easily. These are called conductors.
- Other objects do not allow electricity to flow through them easily, these are called insulators.



# Staying Safe with Electricity Don't pull wires. Don't put your fingers in sockets. Don't fly kites or climb trees near power lines. Don't use radios or hair dryers near water.

## Working Scientifically

 By observing patterns like making bulbs brighter by adding more cells or exploring the conductors of electricity.

# LINKS IN THE CURRICULUM:

Year 6 -Electrical circuits

**Insulator** 

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Battery	Wire	Bulb
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Motor	Switch (off)	
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KEY VOCABULARY		
Component	A single item that can be connected together to make an electrical circuit.	
Cell (Battery)	A container consisting of one or more cells which chemical energy is converted into electricity and used as a source of power.	
Wire	A length of wire used to carry an electrical current.	
Buzzer	An electrical device that makes a buzzing sound.	
Motor	An electrical device that moves.	
Switch	A device for making and breaking the connection in an electric circuit.	
Circuit	A system of electrical conductors and components forming an electrical circuit.	
Connection	Linking together.	
Break	Separate into parts.	
Device	Something made for a special purpose.	
Appliance	A device of piece of equipment designed to perform a specific task.	
Safety	Freedom from danger or harm.	
Conductor	Allows an electric current to flow.	

Doesn't allow electricity to flow.