

Science Worksheet #2

Electricity

Name: ___**Answer key**___

Grade 8 ()

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Relationship between voltage, current and resistance.

1- The mathematical relationship between voltage and current for most fixed resistors is

$$V = I \times R$$

- a) Work out the resistance of a circuit with single light bulb if the voltmeter reading is 9 V and the ammeter reading for the circuit is 4.5 A.

$$R = V / I = 9 / 4.5 = 2 \Omega$$

- b) What would happen to the current of a circuit if the light bulb is replaced with one of higher resistance? The same batteries are used.

There will be a smaller current, the light will be dimmer.

2- Complete the following sentences, filling in the gaps.

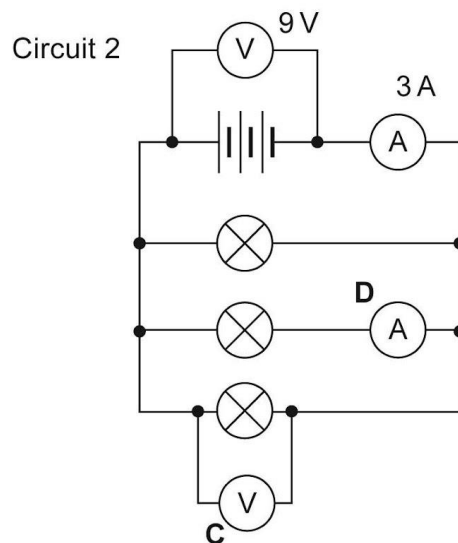
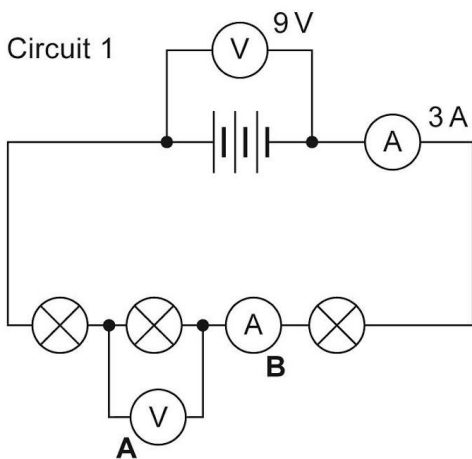
Resistance is the ...**opposition**.... to the flow of current. Current is the movement of ...**electrons**..... in the wires of a circuit. As the**electrons**..... flow they collide with**other atoms**..... .

This is the cause of resistance. If there are more atoms in the wire, the resistance is likely to be**higher**..... A long wire has**more**..... atoms. The resistance of a long wire is likely to be**higher** . than the resistance of a shorter wire.

3- Record what you know about current and voltage in series and parallel circuits.

<p>In a series circuit the current.... is the same across the components</p>	<p>In a series circuit the voltage... is shared among the components</p>
<p>In a parallel circuit the current.... is shared among the components</p>	<p>In a parallel circuit the voltage is the same across the branches</p>

4- Work out the values of voltage and current on meters **A** to **D** in the two circuit diagrams. All the light bulbs are identical. The ammeters and voltmeters do not affect the circuits.



A $9 / 3 = 3$ V.....

B 3 Amp.....

C 9 V.....

D ... $3 / 3 = 1$ Amp.....

i. Using $V = I \times R$, calculate the resistance of the series circuit in task 2.

$$R = V / I = 9 / 3 = 3 \Omega$$

ii. What is the resistance of one bulb? (They are all identical.)

$$3 \div 3 \text{ (bulbs)} = 1 \Omega$$

iii. Another identical bulb *and* another identical cell are then added to the series circuit. Calculate the resistance of the circuit with four bulbs.

$$4 \Omega$$

iv. Using $I = V / R$, calculate the current in the series circuit with four bulbs and four cells.

$$I = 12 / 4 = 3 \text{ Amp}$$

v. What does this tell you about the brightness of the bulbs in this circuit, compared with the original circuit?

That they are the same brightness.

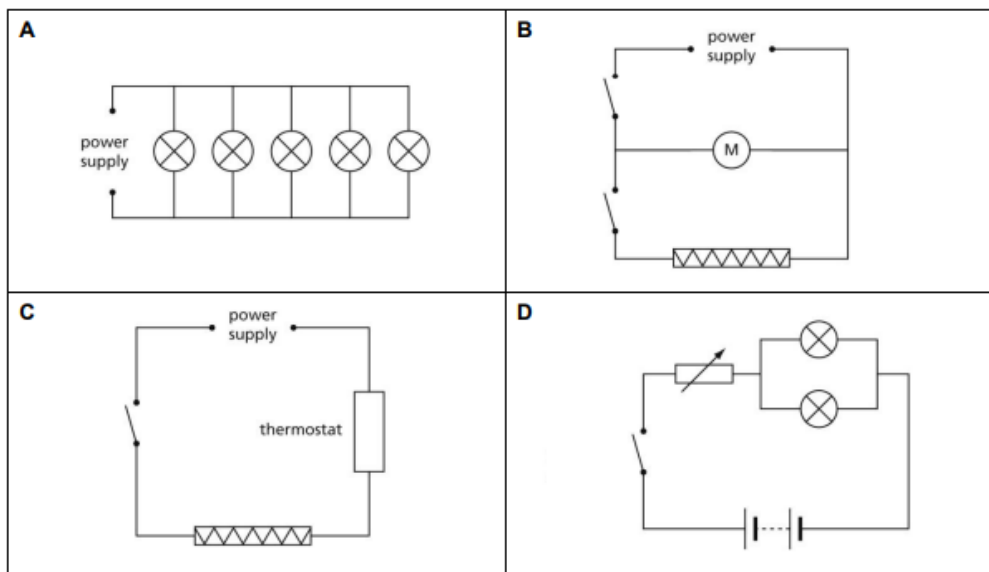
5- Look at the different circuits on the cards on page 2 of this worksheet. Identify whether they are connected in series, in parallel or both.

A**parallel**.....

B **parallel**.....

C**series**.....

D **series and parallel**.....



6- The circuits on the cards on page 3 come from a hairdryer, water heater, Christmas tree lights, and car lights dimmer. Try to match each circuit to its appliance.

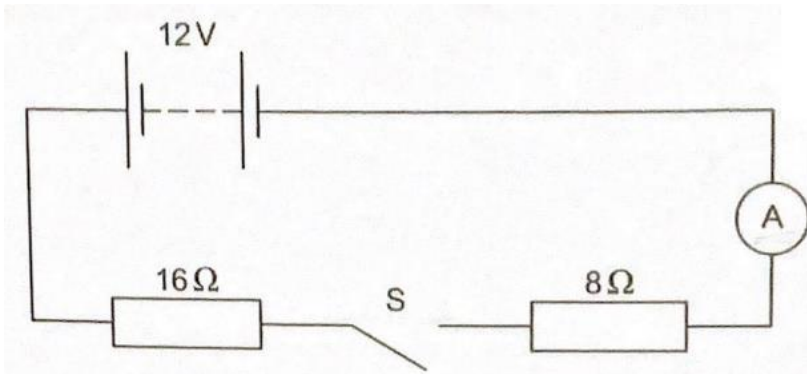
A **Christmas tree lights**

B **Hairdryer**

C **Water heater**

D **Car lights dimmer**

7- The circuit in the figure below uses a 12 V battery.



- i. Switch **S** is open as shown in the figure.
State the value of
- The reading on the ammeter: ... **0 Amp**
 - The voltage across S: **12 V**

- ii. Switch **S** is closed.
- Calculate the current in the ammeter.

$$I = V / R = 12 / 24 = 0.5 \text{ Amp}$$

- Calculate the voltage across the **8 Ω** resistor.

$$V = I \times R = 0.5 \times 8 = 4 \text{ V}$$