

Combined Science - Physics - Key Stage 4 - Electricity

# Charge and Current

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# Definitions

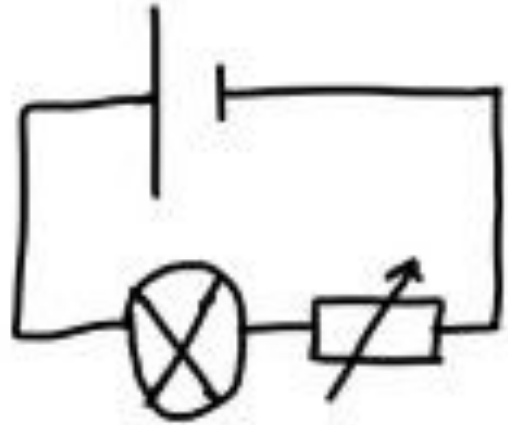
- 1) What is the name of the charged particle that moves in an electrical circuit?**
- 2) Write a definition for the electrical current.**
- 3) What does the term rate mean?**



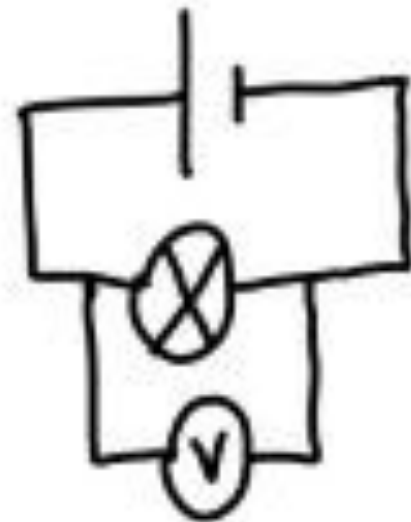
## Independent Task:

**Redraw these circuits adding an ammeter to measure the current through the lamp.**

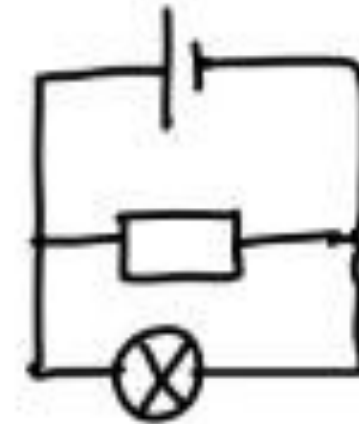
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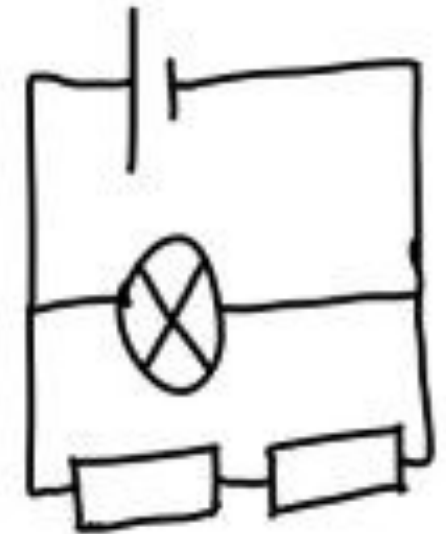
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# Independent Task: Calculating Current

## Complete these calculations

- 1) A charge of 10 C flows through a torch when it is switched on for 300 seconds.  
Calculate the current that flows through the torch.
- 2) 12 C of charge passes through a lamp in 6 seconds. What is the current that flows in the lamp?
- 3) A switch is closed for 10 minutes. If 3600 C of charge passes through the switch in this time, what is the current in the switch?
- 4) 6 mC of charge passes through a resistor in 10 seconds. Calculate the current that flows through the resistor?
- 5) 3 C of charge flow through a lamp in 3 minutes. Calculate the current that flows through the lamp in mA.



# Independent Task: Using $Q = It$

## Complete these calculations

- 1) A drill has a current of 12 A flowing through it and is used for 10 minutes. How much charge flows through the drill?
- 2) A microwave oven heats soup for 5 minutes. How much charge flows through the microwave oven if it requires 13 A of current to flow through it?
- 3) 10 C of charge flows through a resistor and produces a current of 5.5 A. How much time does it take for the charge to flow through the resistor?
- 4) A hair dryer has a current of 3 Amps flowing through it. If 3.6 kC flows, how long was it switched on for?



# Answers



# Review - Independent Task: Calculating Current

- 1) 0.03 A
- 2) 2 A
- 3) 6 A
- 4) 0.0006 A or 0.6 mA
- 5) 17 mA



# Review - Independent Task: Using $Q = It$

- 1) 7200 C
- 2) 3900 C
- 3) 1.8 s (to 2 sf)
- 4) 1200 seconds or 20 minutes

