## Foundation

AQA Physics (Combined) Unit 2 Electricity
Draw the symbol diagrams for:
cell resistor

variable resistor battery

lamp (bulb) ammeter

voltmeter fuse

diode LED

thermistor LDR

What is electric current?
State the equation that links charge, current and time.
Write the symbols and units for the following:
charge:
time:

A charge of 12A flows through an electric cooker for 1 hour. How much charge has been used?
State the equation that links current, potential difference and resistance. Remember to include units.
A voltmeter reading is 3V and the resistance is $2\Omega$ . What is the current?

Use the components stated below to identify the d potential difference/current graphs:

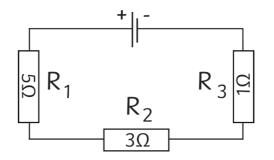
filament lamp, diode, ohmic conductor

Potential Difference
Current
Voltage
Current $I$ in amps (A)
Potential V Difference in volts (V)

Complete the table.

Type of Circuit	Potential Difference Shared or the Same?	Current Same or Split?
Series		
Parallel		

For the circuit below, calculate the total resistance.



On the diagram, draw where a voltmeter could be positioned to measure the voltage through one of the components.

Complete	the	following	sentences
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For a thermistor: as the temperature increases, the resistance \_\_\_\_\_

Used in: \_\_\_\_\_

For an LDR: as the light intensity increases, the resistance \_\_\_\_\_

Used in: \_\_\_\_\_

State the 2 different types of electricity supply.



Label the diagram of the 3 pin plug.



What is the purpose of:

the neutral wire?

the live wire?

the earth wire?





Complete the energy transfers for the following electrical appliances.
mains-powered kettle:
electrical → t + s
hairdryer:
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toaster
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What is the equation linking energy transferred, power and time?	b
what are the units for:	
energy?	
power?	
time?	

relationship between the power rating and the changes in stored energy when a device is used.

State the	equation t	that	links	power,	current	and
potential	difference.					

A 2.4kW kettle is connected to the mains power supply (230V). Calculate the current through the kettle.

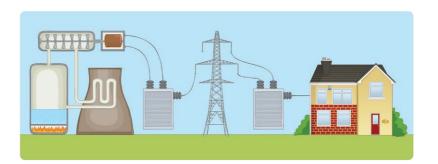
## Remember 1000W = 1kW

You will need to rearrange your equation above.

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- The current in a circuit can be altered by a variable resistor. \_\_\_
- A voltmeter is connected in parallel with a component. \_\_\_
- An ammeter is connected in parallel with a component. \_\_\_\_

Label the national grid diagram.



Give two examples of when the demand for electricity is likely to be high.

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Why is energy transferred at such high voltage in cables?	g
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Describe	how/	the	following	work.
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step-up transformer.

step-down transformer.



Describe an experiment to show how the length of h a wire affects its resistance.

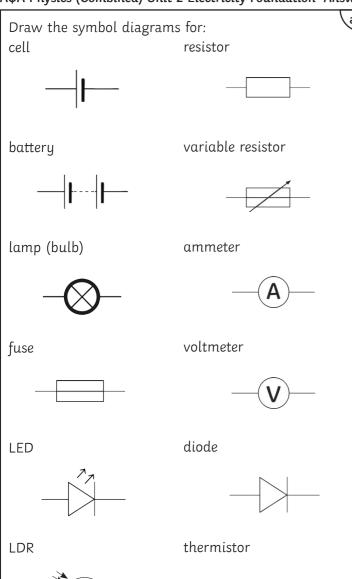
Equipment: metre ruler, ammeter, voltmeter, cell, switch.

Hint: it may help to draw a diagram of how to set up the apparatus.









What is electric current?

The flow of electrical charge.

State the equation that links charge, current and time. charge = current × time

Write the symbols and units for the following:

charge: ( $\mathbf{Q}$ ) coulombs,  $\mathbf{C}$ 

current: (I) amperes, A

time: (t) seconds, s

A charge of 12A flows through an electric cooker for 1 hour. How much charge has been used?

Convert hours to minutes: 60 mins

12 × 60 = 720C

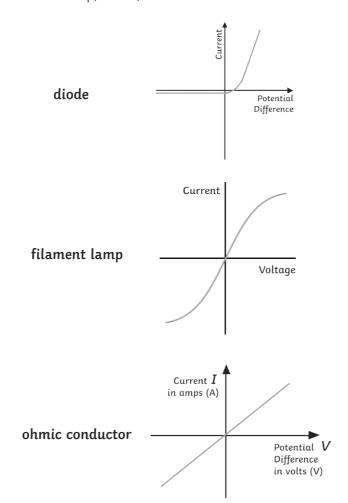
State the equation that links current, potential difference and resistance. Remember to include units. potential difference (V) = current (A)  $\times$  resistance ( $\Omega$ )

A voltmeter reading is 3V and the resistance is  $2\Omega$ . What is the current?

current = potential difference  $\div$  resistance  $3 \div 2 = 1.5A$ 

Use the components stated below to identify the depotential difference/current graphs:

filament lamp, diode, ohmic conductor

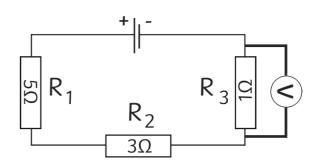


Complete the table.

Type of Circuit	Potential Difference Shared or the Same?	Current Same or Split?
Series	shared	same
Parallel	same	split between branches

For the circuit below, calculate the total resistance.

9Ω



On the diagram, draw where a voltmeter could be positioned to measure the voltage through one of the components.

Complete the following sentences.

For a thermistor: as the temperature increases, the resistance **decreases** 

Used in: thermostats

For an LDR: as the light intensity increases, the resistance **decreases** 

Used in: street lights

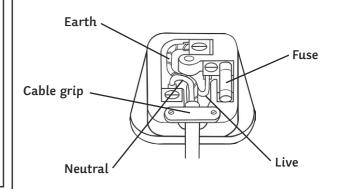
State the 2 different types of electricity supply.

1. alternating current

2. direct current



Label the diagram of the 3 pin plug.



What is the purpose of:

the neutral wire?

It completes the circuit and carries away the current.

the live wire?

It provides alternating potential difference.

the earth wire?

It is a safety feature to prevent the application from becoming live.





Complete the energy transfers for the following electrical appliances.

mains-powered kettle:

electrical → thermal + sound

hairdryer:

electrical → kinetic + thermal + sound

toaster

electrical → thermal + light

What is the equation linking energy transferred, power and time?

energy transferred = power × time

what are the units for:

energy? joules

power? watts

time? **seconds** 

Most devices have a power rating. Describe the relationship between the power rating and the changes in stored energy when a device is used. A device with a higher power rating will transfer stored energy to other types of energy at a faster rate.



State the equation that links power, current and potential difference.

power (W) = potential difference (V) × current (A)

A 2.4kW kettle is connected to the mains power supply (230V). Calculate the current through the kettle.

Remember 1000W = 1kW

You will need to rearrange your equation above.

 $2.4 \times 1000 = 2400$ 

Current = power ÷ potential difference

= 2400 ÷ 230

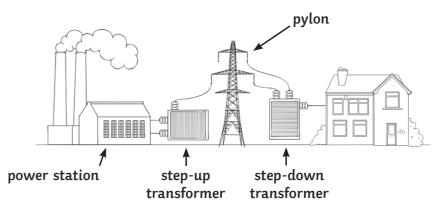
= 10.43A



True or false:

- The current in a circuit can be altered by a variable resistor. True
- A voltmeter is connected in parallel with a component. True
- An ammeter is connected in parallel with a component. False

Label the national grid diagram.



Give two examples of when the demand for electricity is likely to be high.

- 1. At half-time or the end of large sporting events.
- 2. First thing in the morning when people are getting up, or later when arriving home.

Why is energy transferred at such high voltage in cables?

High voltage means that the energy is transferred at low currents. This results in less resistance, therefore less energy is lost as heat, so the transmission is more efficient.

Describe how the following work:

step-up transformer.

Potential difference is increased.

step-down transformer.

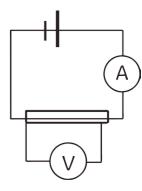
Potential difference is decreased.



Describe an experiment to show how the length of a wire affects its resistance.

**Equipment:** metre ruler, ammeter, voltmeter, cell, switch.

**Hint:** it may help to draw a diagram of how to set up the apparatus.



Set up the apparatus as shown.

Attach the first crocodile clip at Ocm.

Attach the second crocodile clip at 10cm.

Record the potential difference and the current.

Connect the second crocodile clip at different lengths (20cm, 30cm) and repeat the process.

Use the results to calculate resistance at different lengths, using the formula:

resistance = potential difference ÷ current



