



Figure A

The force that moves electrons in a circuit

The number of electrons that are moving

Resistance-the force that tries to stop or slow the electrons

**Fill-in Questions**

Fill in the correct answer for each of the following.

1. Another name for electric current is Amperes.
2. Amperes tell us how many electrons move past a point in a circuit every second.
3. EMF stands for electromagnetic force.
4. Electrical force or pressure is measured in units called volts.
5. Electrical resistance is measured in units called ohms.

**Matching**

Match each term in Column A with its description in Column B. Write the correct letter in the space provided.

Column A	Column B
<u>d</u> 1. Volts	✓ a) electrical resistance
<u>e</u> 2. Amps	✓ b) path for moving electrons
<u>b</u> 3. Circuit	✓ c) relationship between volts, amps, and ohms
<u>c</u> 4. Ohm's Law	✓ d) electrical pressure
<u>a</u> 5. Ohms	✓ e) number of electrons passing a point in a wire

### True or False

In the space provided, write "true" if the sentence is true. Write "false" if the sentence is false.

- F 1. EMF stands for a number of electrons.
- F 2. Another name for resistance is ampere.
- T 3. Volts measure electrical pressure or force.
- T 4. Different circuits have different amps, volts, and ohms.
- F 5. If volts change, then amps and ohms stay the same.

### Completing Sentences

Choose the correct word or term for each statement. Write your choice in the spaces provided.

- Most current electricity comes from generators. (generators, dry cells)
- The size of an electric current is measured in amperes. (amperes, volts, ohms)
- Electrical pressure is measured in volts. (amperes, volts, ohms)
- Electrical resistance is measured in ohms. (amperes, volts, ohms)

### Questions to Answer

Electricity "happens" because there is a constant flow of electrons through conductors and resistors. A generator or cell keeps the electricity flowing from a negatively charged terminal to a positively charged one. This action of "pumping" electrons is called *voltage* or *electrical potential difference*. Compare this action with the action of a waterfall.

Gravity keeps water flowing in a waterfall. Gravity is constant. This is just like the voltage in a system.

Ohm's Law states that as long as the temperature remains constant:

- $\Omega$  The resistance of a conductor stays constant
- $\Omega$  Current is directly proportional to the voltage applied (if you increase voltage, the current will also increase the current)

- Use this law to describe how an incandescent light bulb functions:

A lightbulb has a constant resistance and doesn't flicker. As you increase the voltage and therefore the current, the brightness of the bulb increases.

## Ohm's Law

Show the formula used, your units in the formula and answer, and all of your work in the following problems.

6. A 12V battery powers a circuit. If a current of 3A is drawn from the battery, what is the resistance in the circuit?

Voltage = 12V

Current = 3A

Resistance = ?

$$V = I \times R$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$= \frac{12}{3}$$

$$= 4 \Omega$$

7. What is the current of a circuit with 150Ω of resistance and is powered by a 25V source?

Voltage = 25V

Current = ?

Resistance = 150 Ω

$$V = I \times R$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$= \frac{25}{150}$$

$$= 0.16\bar{6} \text{ A}$$

8. What is the voltage of a battery that supplies 4A of current to 5Ω of resistance?

V = ?

I = 4A

R = 5 Ω

$$V = I \times R$$

$$= 4 \times 5$$

$$= 20 \text{ V}$$

9. A 30Ω and 50Ω resistor are connected in series with a battery. The current from the battery is 0.25A. What is the voltage of the battery?

V = ?

I = 0.25A

R = 50 Ω + 30 Ω = 80 Ω

$$V = I \times R$$

$$= 0.25 \times 80$$

$$V = 20 \text{ V}$$

10. Three identical resistors are connected in series with a power source. What is the resistance of one resistor if there is a current of 2.5A from a 50V power source?

V = 50V

I = 2.5A

R = ?

$$V = I \times R$$

$$\frac{20 \Omega}{3} = 6.\bar{3} \Omega$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$= \frac{50}{2.5}$$

$$= 20 \Omega$$

11. A bulb of  $25\Omega$  resistance is in a circuit powered by a 4.5-V battery.

a. What is the current in the circuit?

$$V = 4.5V$$
$$R = 25\Omega$$

$$I = ?$$

$$V = I \times R$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$= \frac{4.5}{25}$$

$$= 0.18A$$

b. What would be the current if the resistance were  $30\Omega$ ?

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{4.5}{30} = 0.15A$$

12. A current of 0.2A flows through your electric toothbrush and it is plugged into a 120V outlet in the bathroom. What is the resistance inside the toothbrush?

$$V = 120V$$

$$I = 0.2A$$

$$R = ?$$

$$V = I \times R$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$= \frac{120}{0.2}$$

$$= 600\Omega$$

~~13. In Figure 2.16 (page 307) would you expect the potential difference (V) of the light #2 to be greater than or less than light #1 (circle one). What is the difference attributed to?~~

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14. Current is *the rate of flow* of electricity in a circuit. It is a measure of the number of electrons that move past any particular point in a circuit every second. What are the two devices called that we use to measure this "flow"?

i) Ammeter

ii) Galvanometer



Connect a battery, light bulb and ammeter in a loop. Record the reading on the ammeter. Now add another bulb to the loop. Record that ammeter reading. Repeat this until you get to three light bulbs.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bulbs	Reading on Ammeter (Amps)

*Depends on your experiment.*

Explain your observations:

*The more bulbs the less the current because the resistance is increasing.  $V = I \times R$  ... if  $R \uparrow$  and  $V$  is unchanged... then  $I \downarrow$*

Suppose you repeated this activity with **two electrical cells** connected end to end (positive to negative). Predict what the ammeter readings would be. Explain your answer. Repeat the experiment to see if your prediction is correct.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bulbs	Reading on Ammeter (Amps)

Explain your observations:

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