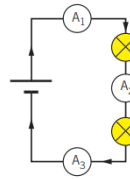


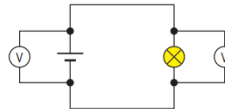
### Current

- **Current** is the amount of **charge** flowing per second
- The charges that flow in a circuit are **electrons**, they are negatively charged
- **Electrons** leave the negative end of the **cell** and travel around the circuit to the positive end of the cell
- Current has the unit of Amps (A) and is measured with an **ammeter** (which is placed in series or in the main circuit)



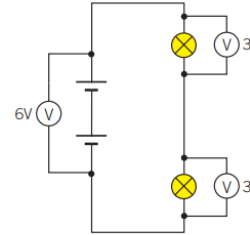
### Potential difference

- **Potential difference** is the amount of energy transferred by the cell or **battery** to the charges
- The value of potential difference tells us about the force applied to each charge and then the energy transferred by each charge to the component which it passes through
- Potential difference has the unit of volts (V) and is measured with a **voltmeter** (which is placed in parallel to the circuit)



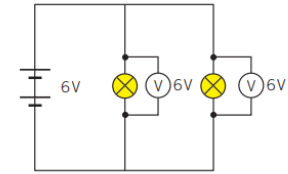
### Series circuits

- **Series** circuits only have one loop
- If one component breaks, the whole circuit stops working
- Current is the same everywhere in a series circuit
- The total potential difference from the battery is shared between the components in a series circuit
- Adding more bulbs decreases the brightness of the bulbs



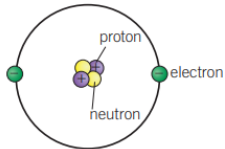
### Parallel circuits

- **Parallel** circuits have more than one loop
- If one component breaks, the rest of the circuit will still work
- Current is shared between the different loops in the circuit
- The potential difference is the same everywhere in the circuit
- Adding more bulbs does not affect the brightness of the bulbs



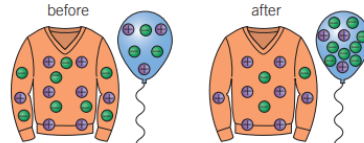
### The atom

- The **atom** consists of a central nucleus with electrons orbiting around the outside in shells
- **Electrons** have a negative charge
- **Protons** are inside the nucleus and have a positive charge
- **Neutrons** are inside the nucleus and have a neutral charge



### Static electricity

- Static electricity is caused by the rubbing together of two **insulators**
- This causes electrons to be transferred, leaving one object with a positive charge, and one object with a negative charge



- Like charges will **repel**, opposite charges will **attract**



### Resistance

- **Resistance** is a measure of how easy or how hard it is for charges to pass through a component in a circuit
- Resistance has the unit of ohms ( $\Omega$ )
- Resistance is calculated by measuring potential difference and current and using the following equation:

$$\text{resistance } (\Omega) = \frac{\text{potential difference (V)}}{\text{current (A)}}$$

- Materials with a high resistance are said to be **insulators**
- Materials with a low resistance are said to be **conductors**



#### Key terms

Make sure you can write definitions for these key terms.

ammeter atom attract battery cell conductors current electrons electric charge insulator neutral neutrons parallel  
potential difference protons repel resistance series voltmeter