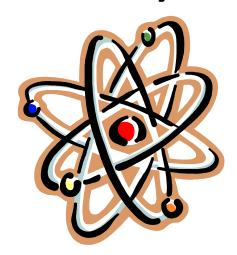
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Measurements & Units

Length is measured using a metre stick (straight lines), an opisometer (short curved lines), a trundle wheel (long, curved lengths) or a Vernier calipers (diameters or widths of solid objects)







Opisometer

Vernier callipers

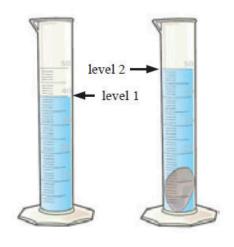
Trundle wheel

- The area of an object is a measure of the amount of surface it has.
- Area is measured in cm², m² or km².
- The area of a rectangle is the length multiplied by the breadth.
- The area of an irregularly-shaped object (e.g. your hand or a leaf) is found by counting the number of squares it covers on graph paper.

- The volume of an object is the amount of space it takes up. Volume is measured in cm³, m³, or L.
- The volume of a box is the length multiplied by the breadth multiplied by the height.
- The volume of an irregularly-shaped object (e.g. a stone) is found by using a graduated cylinder or an overflow can and a graduated cylinder.

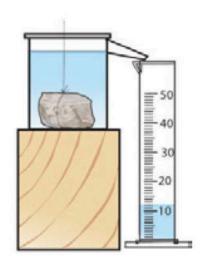
Finding the volume of a stone

using a graduated cylinder.



Finding the volume of a stone

using an overflow can and graduated cylinder.



EXPERIMENTS:

- 36.1 To Measure the Length of Straight Lines Using a Ruler
- 36.2 To Measure the Length of Curved Lines Using an Opisometer
- 36.3 To Measure Lengths Using a Vernier Callipers
- 36.4 To Find the Area of Regularly-Shaped Objects (Rectangles)
- 36.5 To Find the Area of an Irregularly-Shaped Object (Your Hand)
- 36.6 To Measure the Volume of a Liquid
- 36.7 To Measure the Volume of an Irregularly-Shaped Object (a Stone)
- 36.8 To Measure the Volume of an Irregularly-Shaped Object (a Stone), Using an Overflow Can

Energy

- Energy is the ability to do work.
- **Energy** is measured in **joules** (J).
- Different forms of energy include: potential, kinetic, heat, light, sound, electrical, chemical and nuclear.
- Kinetic energy is the energy that moving things have.
- Potential energy is stored energy (e.g. a coiled spring or a brick at a height).
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but can only change from one form to another.
- An energy converter (e.g. a toaster, radio, torch, battery, leaf, light bulb changes energy from one form to another.
- A good insulator (e.g. a lagging jacket) keeps heat energy in.
- Non-renewable sources of energy cannot be replaced when they are used up.
 They are the fossil fuels, coal, oil, gas and turf.
- Renewable sources of energy are constantly being replaced by Nature.
 They include solar, hydro-electric, wind, wave, biomass and geothermal.
- The sun provides almost all of our energy it is our primary source of energy.
- Nuclear energy is the energy stored in the nuclei of atoms.

37.1 To Compare the Insulating Ability of Different Materials

Beaker **B** is **insulated** with various insulating materials.

Beaker A is left with no insulation

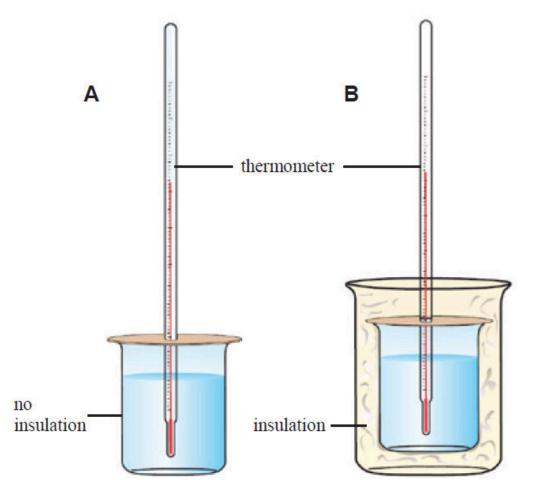
- it acts as the **control**.

Boiling water is added equally to both beakers and the **temperature** taken using a **thermometer**.

After 10 minutes, there is seen to be a greater heat loss from the beaker with no insulation than from the insulated beaker.

The amount of heat loss depends on how good the insulator used is.

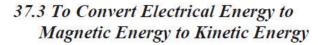
Insulation reduces heat loss.



37.2 To Convert Chemical Energy to Electrical Energy to Heat Energy

The battery converts chemical energy into electrical energy in the wires.

The **electrical energy** is converted into light and **heat energy** in the bulb. The heat energy is detected using a **thermometer**.



The **electrical energy** from the battery is converted to **magnetic energy** in the nail.

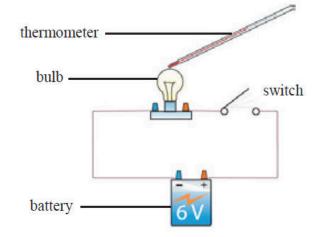
The **magnetic energy** is then converted into **kinetic energy** in the paper clips, as they are lifted and move.

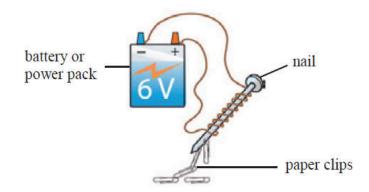
37.4 To Convert Light Energy to Electrical Energy to Kinetic Energy

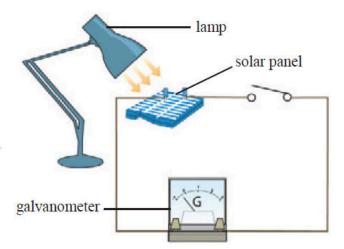
Light energy from the lamp is converted into **electrical energy** in the solar panel.

The **electrical energy** is then converted into **kinetic energy** in the needle of the galvanometer, which moves.

If the current is large enough, a **small motor**, in place of the galvanometer could be used to show the kinetic energy.







Speed, Velocity & Acceleration

		Measured in:
Speed:	The speed of an object is the distance it travels per unit time .	m/s or ms ⁻¹
	Speed = $\frac{\text{Distance (m/s)}}{\text{Time taken (s)}}$	
Velocity:	The velocity of an object is the distance it travels per unit time, in a given direction .	m/s or ms ⁻¹
Acceleration:	Acceleration is the change in velocity per second.	m/s/s, or ms ⁻² , or m/s ²
	Acceleration = $\frac{\text{Change in velocity (m/s)}}{\text{Time taken (s)}}$	

Mass, Density & Flotation

- The mass of an object is the amount of matter in it. Mass is measured in kilograms (kg) or grams (g).
- The density of a substance is the mass of l cm³ of it.

 Density is measured in grams per cubic centimetre. (g/cm³).
- **Density** = $\frac{\text{Mass (g)}}{\text{Volume (cm}^3)}$
- To find the density of any substance, first find its **mass** on an **electronic balance**, and then find its **volume**, using an **overflow can** and **graduated cylinder**. Then **divide** the **mass** by the **volume** to find the density. (answer in g/cm³).
- The density of water is 1 g/cm³.
- An object **sinks** if its **density** is **greater** than the density of the liquid it is in.
- An object **floats** if its **density** is **less** than the density of the liquid it is in.
- Ice floats in water because its density (0.9 g/cm³) is less than the density of water.

39.1 To Find the Density of a Regularly Shaped Solid (e.g. a Block of Wood)

The **mass** is found on an **electronic balance**.

The **volume** is length x breadth x height.

The **mass divided by the volume** gives **density**.

39.2 To Find the Density of an Irregularly Shaped Solid (e.g. a Stone)

The volume is found using an overflow can.

Mass divided by volume gives density.

39.3 To Find the Density of a Liquid

Volume is found using a graduated cylinder. Mass divided by volume gives density.

39.4 To Study Flotation

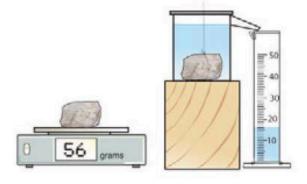
Various substances are placed in water.

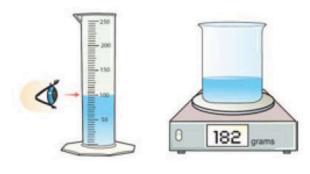
Those with a density less than that of water float.

39.5 To Show the Expansion of Water on Freezing

A bottle filled with water and left in a freezer bursts as the ice expands.









Force, Work & Power

	Measured in:
 A force is anything which causes an object to move or change its velocity. 	newtons (N)
• Push, pull, weight and friction are all examples of forces.	
• Forces are measured using a spring balance.	
 Friction is a force which prevents easy movement between two objects in contact. 	newtons (N)
• The weight of an object is the force of gravity acting on it.	newtons (N)
 Hooke's Law states that the extension of a spring depends on the size of the weight (force) attached to it. 	
• A graph of spring extension against the weight (force) attached to it, gives a straight line through the origin (0,0)	
• Energy is the ability to do work.	joules (J)
 Work is done when a force moves an object. Work (J) = Force (N) x Distance (m) 	joules (J)
 Power is the rate at which work is done. Power is the amount of work done in 1 second. 	watts (W)
• Power = $\frac{\text{Work done (J)}}{\text{Time taken (s)}}$	10

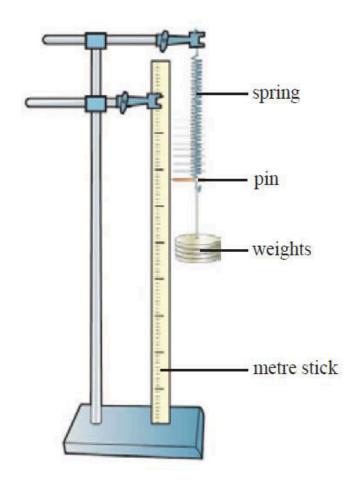
40.1 To Investigate the Law of the Spiral Spring (Hooke's Law)

The **spring** and **metre stick** are held in the retort stand as shown.

The position of the **pin** is **noted** as each **weight** is added to the spring.

The **extension** of the spring for each **total weight** is noted.

The **bigger** the **weight**, the **greater** the **extension** of the spring. They are in **direct proportion**, and so would give a **straight line graph** through (0,0).



Weight

- The weight of an object is the force of gravity acting on it.
- Weight is a force and is measured in newtons (N).
- The force of gravity on Earth is 10 N on every 1 kg of mass.
- Weight (N) = Mass (kg) x 10 N/kg (earth's gravity).
- To find the weight on Earth, multiply the mass (in kg's) by 10.
- The weight of something in outer space is the mass multiplied by 0. It is weightless.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MASS AND WEIGHT

MASS

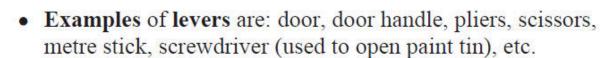
- 1. Measured in **kilograms** (kg)
- 2. Is **fixed**, never changes.
- 3. Is a **fixed feature** of all things like length or volume.

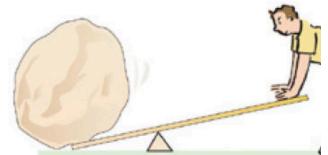
WEIGHT

- 1. Measured in **newtons** (N)
- 2. Varies, depends on where you are
- 3. Is a **force** or pull on something.

Turning Forces, Centre of Gravity

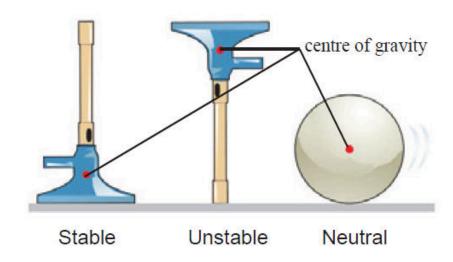
- The moment of a force is the turning effect of a force.
 Moment = (Force) x (Distance from the fulcrum).
- A lever is any rigid body which is free to turn about a a fixed point called the fulcrum.





- The Law of the Lever states that when a lever (e.g. a metre stick) is balanced, the total clockwise moments equal the total anticlockwise moments.
- The centre of gravity of an object is the point through which all the weight of the object appears to act. (i.e. the centre of its weight).

- Stable equilibrium is present if when an object is slightly tilted, its centre of gravity
 is raised, and it goes back to the original position on release.
- Objects in stable equilibrium will have a wide base and a low centre of gravity.
- Unstable equilibrium is present if when an object is slightly tilted, its centre of gravity is lowered, and it takes a new position when released (i.e. it falls over on its side).
- Neutral equilibrium is present if when an object is moved, its centre of gravity is neither raised nor lowered. The object never becomes unstable - it does not fall over and just takes up a new position where it is still in neutral equilibrium.



The three states of Equilibrium

42.1 To Prove the Law of the Lever

The metre stick is hung from the **50 cm** mark and weights are hung from each side, balancing the metre stick each time.

The **moments** are calculated on each side by **multiplying** the **weight** by the **distance** to the **fulcrum**.

When the **clockwise moments** equal the **anticlockwise moments**, the metre stick is balanced.

This proves the Law of the Lever.

42.3 To Find the Centre of Gravity of an Irregularly Shaped Cardboard

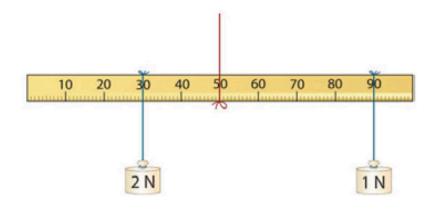
The **cardboard** and a **plumbline** are hung from a **pin**, stuck in a **cork** and held as shown in a **retort stand**.

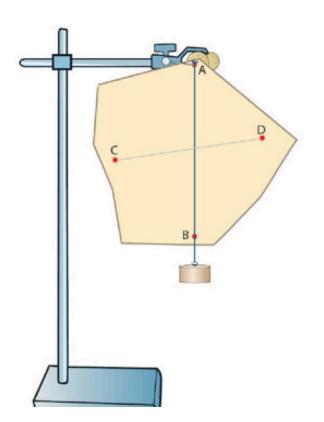
Using the plumbline as a guide, the line **AB** is drawn on the **cardboard**.

The cardboard is then hung from a different point (e.g. C), and, again, the plumbline is used to draw the line **CD**.

This is repeated twice more from **other points** at the edge of the cardboard, and vertical lines drawn, as before.

Where all the lines **meet** is the **centre of gravity** of the cardboard.

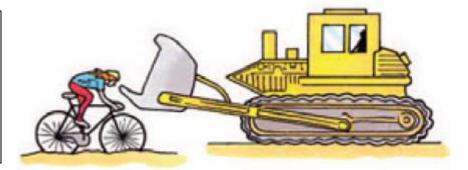




Pressure

• Pressure is the force per unit area.

• Pressure =
$$\frac{\text{Force (N)}}{\text{Area (m}^2)}$$



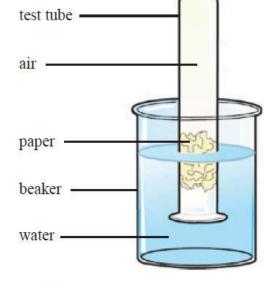
- Pressure is measured in newtons per square metre (N/m^2) , or pascals (Pa). $1 N/m^2 = 1 Pa$.
- The smaller the area, the greater the pressure.
- Pressure in a liquid increases with depth.
- The **pressure** in a **liquid** acts **equally** in all directions.
- Atmospheric pressure is caused by the weight of the atmosphere.
- Atmospheric pressure decreases the higher you go above sea-level.
- A barometer is used to measure atmospheric pressure.
- Normal atmospheric pressure can hold up 76 cm of mercury in a mercury barometer.
- Normal atmospheric pressure is 76 cm of mercury or 1013 hectopascals.
- An altimeter is a barometer used to measure height.
- High atmospheric pressure gives good, settled weather.
- Low atmospheric pressure gives bad, unsettled weather.



43.2 To Show that Air Occupies Space

The **dry paper** in the test tube remains dry when removed from the beaker.

The water did not enter the test tube because air was taking up space in the test tube.



43.3 To Show that Air has Mass

With the **clip open**, **water** is **boiled** in the flask. The steam **drives** all the **air** out of the flask.

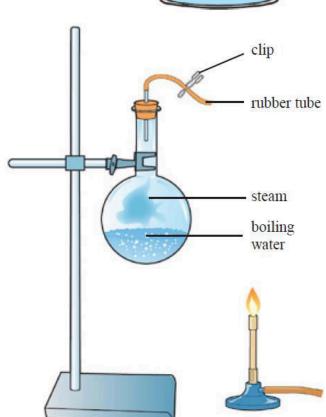
The **Bunsen burner** is then removed and the **clip closed** so no more air can get in.

As the steam cools, it **condenses** back into water, leaving **no air** in the **flask** above the water.

An **electronic balance** is then used to find the **mass** of the flask **without air**.

The clip is then opened, allowing air back into the flask.

The mass of the flask with air is then found. By subtracting the two masses, the mass of air in the flask is found.

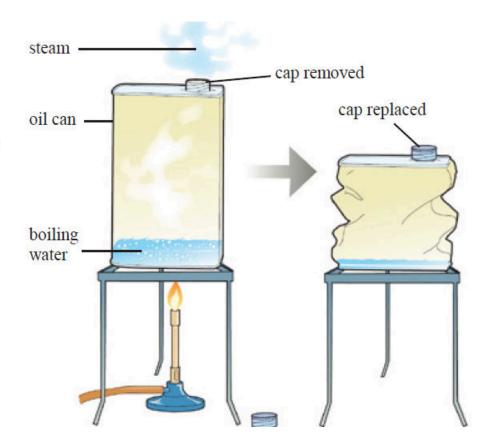


43.4 To Demonstrate Atmospheric Pressure

A small amount of water is boiled for five minutes in the can, with the cap removed. The steam drives all the air out of the can. The Bunsen burner is then removed and the cap replaced so no more air can get in.

As the steam cools, it **condenses** back into **water**, leaving **no air in the can** above the water.

With no air inside the can, **atmospheric pressure** outside the can crushes it.



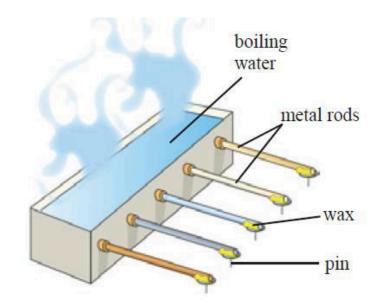
Heat

- **Heat** is a form of **energy**; it is measured in **joules** (J).
- Heat always moves from a hot area to a cold area.
- Conduction is the transfer of heat through a substance without the particles in the substance moving out of position.
- Metals are very good conductors of heat.
- An insulator is a substance that does not allow heat to pass through it easily. Insulators are very poor conductors.
- Convection is the transfer of heat through a liquid or gas when molecules of the liquid or gas move upwards and carry the heat.
- Radiation is the transfer of heat, in rays, from a hot object,
 without needing a medium to pass through.
- A dull, black surface radiates heat out better than a bright shiny surface.
- A dull, black surface absorbs heat better than a bright, shiny surface.
- Solids, liquids and gases all expand when heated and contract on cooling.
- When water is cooled below 4°C, it begins to expand.
- Ice is less dense than liquid water and so floats on water this is important for fish to survive.



44.1 To Compare the Conductivity of Various Metals

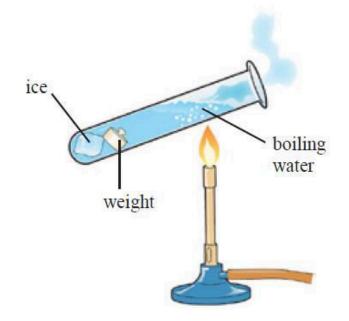
Heat travels by **conduction** through the **metal rods**. The **wax melts** and the **pin drops** off the metal that is the **best conductor** of heat first.



44.2 To Show that Water is a Poor Conductor of Heat

The ice at the bottom of the test tube does not melt, even though the water at the top is boiling.

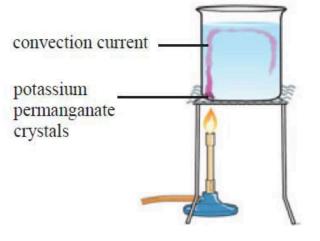
As heat cannot reach the ice by convection (where molecules move upwards to carry heat), the **water** above the ice must be a **very bad conductor** of heat.



44.3 To Show Convection Currents in Water

Some potassium permanganate **crystals** are placed at the bottom of the beaker, to **colour the water**.

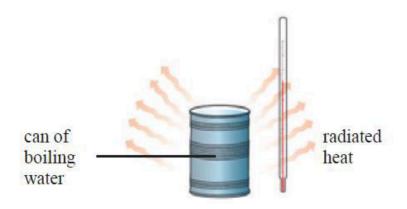
The movement of the coloured water, shows a convection current in the water, as heated water moves upwards and is replaced by colder water moving downwards.



44.4 To Show Heat Transfer by Radiation

The tin can is filled with boiling water and the thermometer bulb is placed beside it as shown.

Heat transfer from the hot can, by **radiation**, **raises** the **temperature** on the thermometer.



44.5 To Show that Solids Expand when Heated and Contract when Cooled

The **metal ball can fit** through the **ring** when the ball is **cold**.

When the ball is **heated**, it **expands** and can **no longer fit** through the ring.

On **cooling**, the ball **contracts** and can fit through the ring again.

44.6 To Show that Liquids Expand when Heated and Contract when Cooled

When the water in the flask is heated it expands and rises up the glass tube.

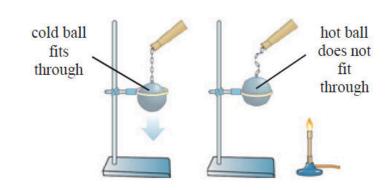
On **cooling**, the water **contracts** and moves back **down** the tube.

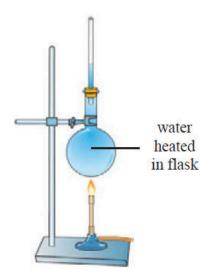
The **expansion** of a **liquid** on **heating** and its **contraction** on **cooling** explains how a **thermometer** works.

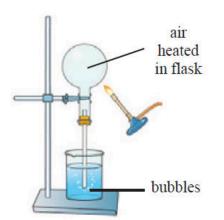
44.5 To Show that Gases Expand when Heated and Contract when Cooled

When **heated**, the **air in the flask expands** and some escapes causing **bubbles** in the water in the beaker.

On **cooling**, the **air contracts** and **water** from the **beaker** gets **sucked up** the tube.



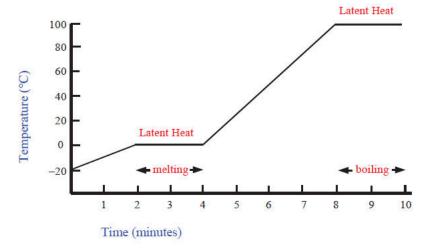




Temperature

- **Temperature** is a measure of **how hot** an object is.
- A mercury or alcohol thermometer is used to measure temperature accurately.
- Thermometers work because liquids expand when heated and contract when cooled.
- Temperature is measured in degrees Celsius (°C).
- Water freezes at 0°C, and boils at 100°C at normal atmospheric pressure.
- The amount of heat in a substance depends on its temperature, its mass, and what the substance is.
- 200 ml of water at 60°C contains twice as much heat as 100 ml of water at 60°C.
- 200 ml of water at 60°C contains more heat than 200 ml of oil at 60°C.

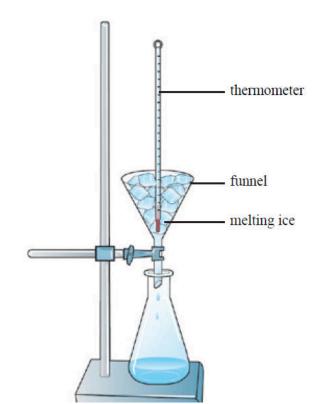
- Latent heat is the heat used by a substance to change its state it does not raise the temperatur
- Latent heat:



45.1 To Determine the Melting Point of Ice

A thermometer is placed in a funnel of melting ice, as shown.

The temperature remains **steady** at **0°C** as the **ice melts** - this is the **melting point** of ice.



45.2 To Determine the Boiling Point of Water

A thermometer is placed just above the surface of boiling water in a flask, as shown.

Note the **steady temperature** of **100** °C in the steam - this is the **boiling point** of water.

45.3 To Show the Effect of Pressure on the Boiling Point of Water

With the **tube open**, the **water** in the flask is **boiled** for **three minutes**.

The **steam** drives all the **air out** of the flask. The **Bunsen burner** is then **removed** and the **tube clamped**.

The **steam** then **condenses** leaving a **partial vacuum** (with very **low pressure**) above the water in the flask.

At this **low pressure**, the water is seen to boil again at temperatures of as **low as 60°C**.

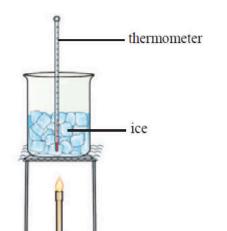
thermometer tube clip low pressure water

45.4 To Demonstrate Latent Heat

A thermometer is placed in ice taken directly from the freezer. This ice should show a temperature of less than 0°C, and, as it melts, the temperature rises to 0°C.

The ice and water will remain at 0°C until all the ice has melted. The heat being supplied is latent heat - it is being used to change the state, and does not raise the temperature.

The **temperature** will then **increase** steadily to **100°C** when the water begins to **boil**. The **temperature** will **not rise above 100°C**, as, once again, the heat supplied is being used to **change the state** (**latent heat**).



thermometer

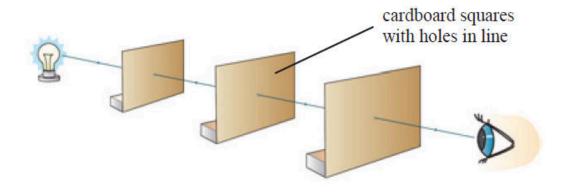
boiling water

Light

- **Light** is a form of **energy** it can make things move.
- The Crooke's radiometer and the solar-powered calculator show that light is a form of energy.
- Luminous objects give out light, e.g. the Sun, a light bulb, a candle.
- Light travels in straight lines this gives rise to shadows.
- A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Sun and Earth.
- Reflection occurs when light bounces back off a surface.
- Light is **reflected** in a **regular manner** off a **shiny surface** e.g. a mirror.
- Refraction is the bending of light as it goes from one medium to another.
- Light rays are always refracted towards the denser medium.
- A convex or converging lens brings light rays together.
- A concave or diverging lens spreads light rays apart.
- White light is a mixture of the 7 colours of the spectrum.
- **Dispersion** is the **breaking up** of **white light** into its 7 colours.

46.1 To Show that Light Travels in Straight Lines

The bulb can only be seen when the three holes in the cardboard squares are in a straight line.



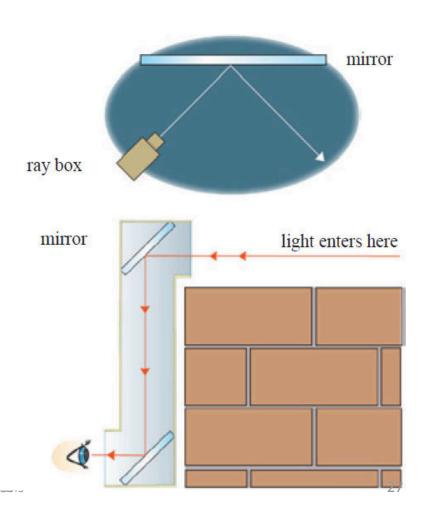
46.2 To Show the Reflection of Light

The **light ray** from the **ray box** strikes the **mirror** and gets **reflected** back.

The ray gets **reflected** back at the **same angle** as it strikes the mirror with.

Light from an object enters the periscope and strikes the top mirror. It is then reflected down to the bottom mirror which reflects it into the eye.

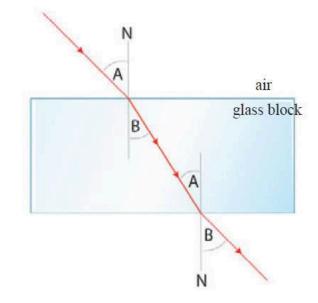
Both mirrors must be at an angle of **45°** for the periscope to work.



46.3 To Show the Refraction of Light

A **light ray** from a **ray box** is seen to **change direction** (bend) as it goes from **air** into the **glass block**.

The **angle B** is **less** than the **angle A** as the light ray gets pulled in **towards** the **denser medium** (the glass).



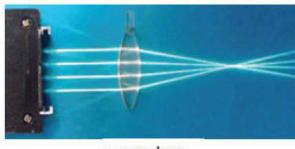
46.4 To Show the Effect of Convex and Concave Lenses

Light rays from a **ray box** are passed through a **convex** and a **concave** lens.

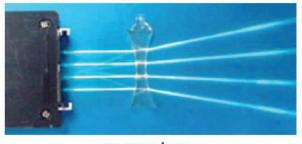
Light rays striking a glass with a **curved** surface get refracted at different angles.

A **convex** (**converging**) lens refracts the light rays entering it so that they all **meet** at a point.

A **concave** (**diverging**) lens refracts the light rays entering it so that they **spread out** as they leave the lens.



convex lens



concave lens

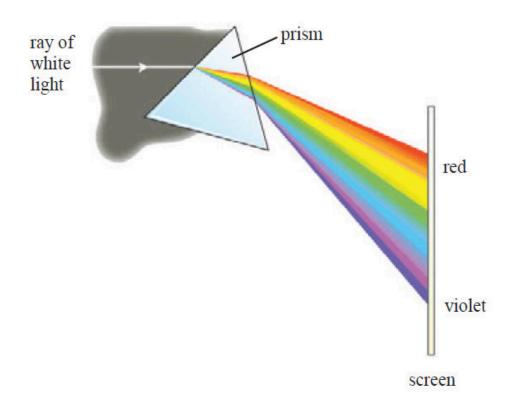
46.5 To Show the Dispersion of White Light

A ray of white light is passed through a glass prism.

The prism **disperses** (breaks up) the light into its **7 different colours**.

Each colour is refracted differently through the prism - red light is refracted the least, and violet, the most.

This causes the colours to spread out as seen on a screen.



Sound

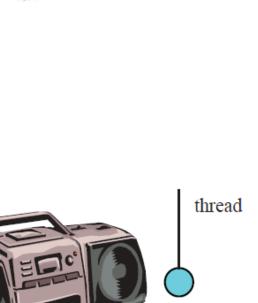
- Sound is a form of energy caused by vibrating objects.
- Sound, unlike light, needs a medium to pass through.
- Sound is reflected off hard surfaces, resulting in echoes.
- Ultrasound has frequencies too high for humans to hear.
- Sound travels at 340 m/s much slower than light (300,000,000 m/s).
- Thunder and lightning show that light travels faster than sound.
- The loudness of sound is measured in units called decibels.

EXPERIMENTS:

47.1 To Show that Sound is a Form of Energy

Sound from the **speaker** travels through the air and causes the **table tennis ball** to **move**.

This shows that **sound** is a form of **energy** and can be **converted** into other forms.



table

tennis ball

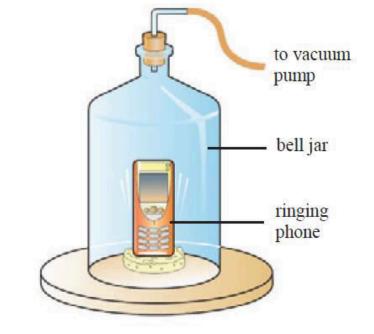
47.2 To Show that Sound Cannot Travel in a Vacuum

A vacuum pump is used to remove the air from inside the bell jar.

The **phone** can be heard **ringing** when there **is air** in the bell jar - the **sound** can **travel** through **air**.

When the **air** is **removed**, even though the phone is still ringing, **no sound** is **heard**.

Sound cannot travel through a vacuum.



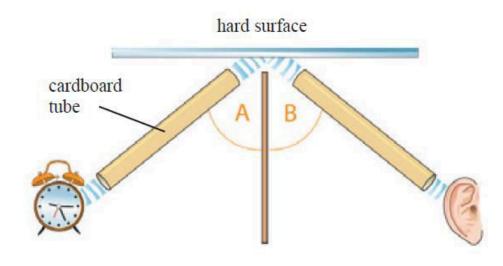
47.3 To Demonstrate the Reflection of Sound

Sound from the ticking clock is directed through the cardboard tube, to a hard surface.

The **reflected sound** is then heard through the **second tube**.

The reflected sound is heard the **loudest** when the **angle A equals** the **angle B**.

This shows that sound, like light, reflects off a surface at the **same angle** it enters.

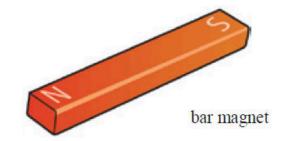


Magnetism

- Iron, nickel, cobalt or their alloys can be magnetised.
- The magnetic effect of a magnet is strongest at the two ends
 called the north pole and the south pole.
- The north pole of a freely suspended magnet always points North.
- Like poles repel each other, unlike poles attract.
- A magnetic compass contains a small magnet balanced on a thin spindle which is free to move. Its north pole points North.
- A magnetic field is the space around a magnet where a magnetic force can be see
- Magnetic fields can be shown using iron filings or plotting compasses.
- Magnetic field lines go from the north pole to the south pole of a magnet.
- The Earth has a magnetic field as if it had a huge bar magnet at its centre, with the magnet's south pole in the northern hemisphere.
- Magnets are used in electric motors, telephones, loudspeakers, compasses, press and fridge doors, dynamos etc.

48.1 To Test a Variety of Materials for Magnetism

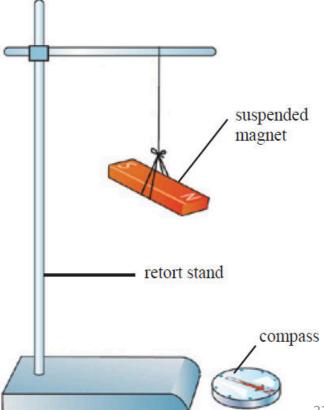
Bring a **bar magnet** close to a variety of materials to see if they are **attracted** to the **magnet**. Materials that contain the elements **iron**, **nickel** or **cobalt** will have magnetic properties.



48.2 To Find the North Pole of a Magnet

One end of a suspended magnet points North.

A **compass** is used to determine which end of the suspended magnet is pointing **North**.



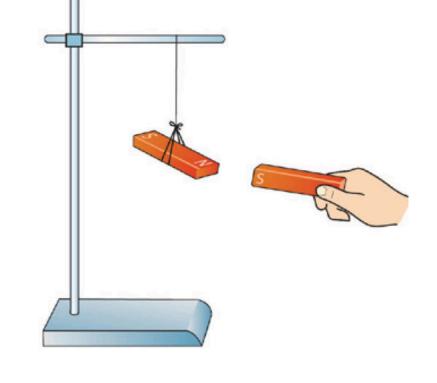
48.3 To Demonstrate the Attraction and Repulsion of Magnets

When the **south pole** of a bar magnet is brought **towards** the **north pole** of a suspended magnet, the **magnets attract** each other.

Unlike poles attract.

When the **north pole** of a bar magnet is brought **towards** the **north pole** of a suspended magnet, the **magnets repel** each other.

Like poles repel.

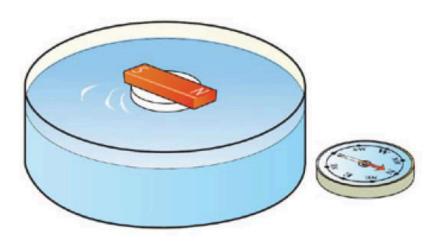


48.4 To Make a Floating Compass and Demonstrate the Earth's Magnetic Field

A bar magnet, floating on a piece of polystyrene in a bowl of water, will have its north pole pointing North.

The magnet is free to move so it behaves just like the **magnetised pointer** of a **compass**.

Its north pole is attracted to the Earth's magnetic south pole (which is in the northern hemisphere of the Earth).

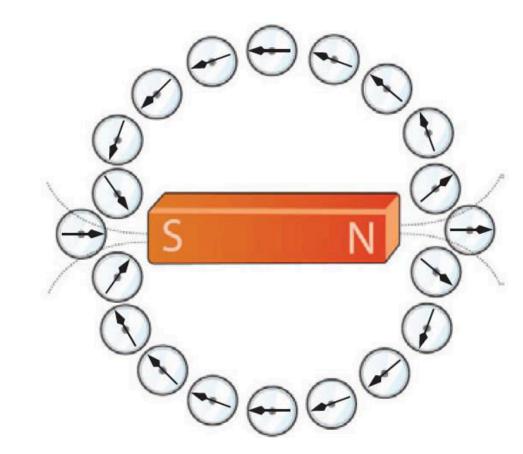


48.5 To Plot the Magnetic Field Around a Bar Magnet Using Plotting Compasses

Plotting compasses are placed around a bar magnet as shown.

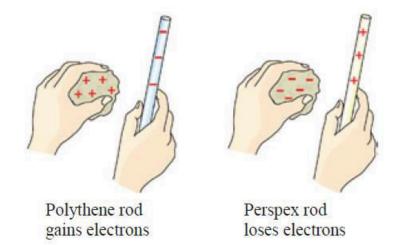
The pointers of the **compasses point** from the **north pole** of the magnet to the **south pole** of the magnet.

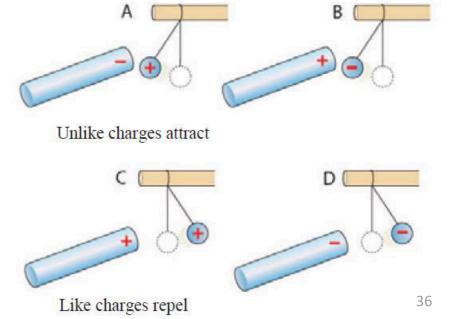
This shows that the magnetic field lines of a magnet point from north pole to south pole.



Static Electricity

- When two objects are rubbed together, electrons get transfered from one to the other.
- Some substances such as polythene and perspex (good insulators) do not allow these electrons to flow out so they build up an electric charge called static electricity.
- A polythene rod gains electrons from a woollen cloth when it is rubbed with the cloth - the rod gains a negative charge.
- A perspex rod loses electrons to a woollen cloth when it is rubbed with the cloth - the rod gains a positive charge.
- An object becomes negatively charged if it gains electrons;
 an object becomes positively charged if it loses electrons.
- Unlike charges attract each other;
 like charges repel each other.
- Earthing occurs when a charged object loses its charge to the earth.



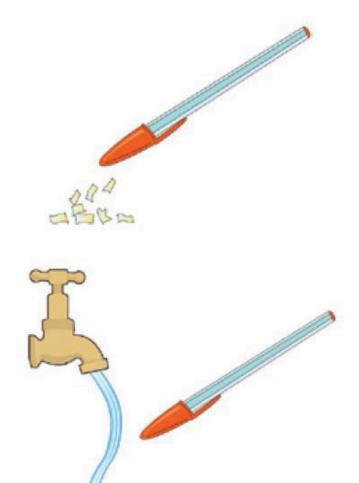


49.1 To Show the Presence of Static Electricity

A biro or polythene rod, rubbed with a woollen cloth will gain a static charge.

This allows it to pick up small pieces of paper.

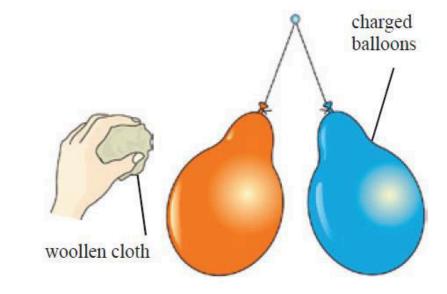
A charged rod or biro will attract a stream of water if it is brought close to it.



49.2 To Demonstrate the Force Between Charged Objects

Two balloons are suspended from a piece of thread as shown.
Each balloon is then rubbed with a woollen cloth, so that each gains the same static charge.

The balloons **move away** from each other as the **like charges** on them **repel**.



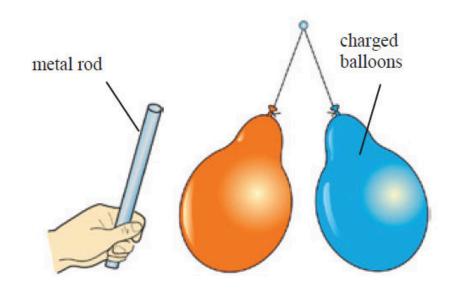
49.3 To Demonstrate the Effect of Earthing

A metal rod is touched to each of the charged balloons in turn.

The balloons **fall back together** and touch each other.

Charge has left each balloon and run to Earth, when it was touched with the metal rod (a conductor).

The charge on the balloons has been earthed - the balloons are no longer charged.



49.4 To Investigate the Forces Between Like and Unlike Charges

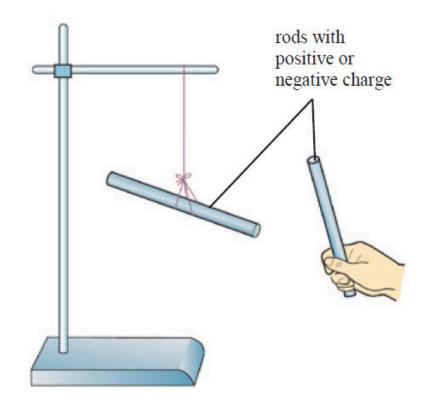
A suspended **polythene rod** is **charged** by rubbing it with a **woollen cloth** - it gains a **negative charge**.

When another charged **polythene rod** is brought close to it, the **like charges repel** and the suspended rod **moves away**.

Like charges repel.

When a charged perspex rod (positive charge) is brought close to the negatively charged polythene rod, the suspended rod moves towards it.

Unlike charges attract.



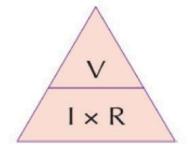
Current Electricity

- An electric current is a flow of electric charge.
- Conductors are substances which allow electric current to flow through them freely (e.g. all metals).
- **Insulators** are substances which do **not allow current** to pass through them.
- A battery or power pack is an 'electrical pump' that pumps electrons around a circuit.
- Electrons are pumped from a region of high electrical pressure (the negative terminal) to a region of low electrical pressure (the positive terminal).
- The difference in electrical pressure between the negative and positive terminals is called the potential difference or voltage.
 It is measured in volts (V) using a voltmeter.
- Current is the flow of electrical charge. It is measured in amps (A) using an ammeter. The symbol for current in amps is (I).

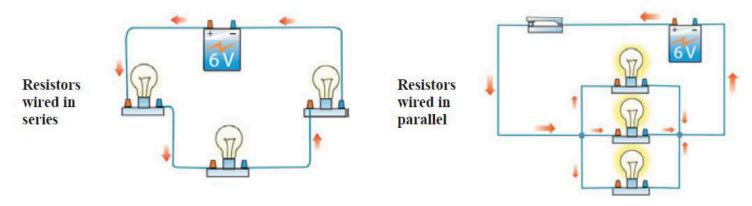
- Resistance is the ability a substance has to resist the flow of current in a circuit. It is measured in ohms (Ω) .
- The larger the voltage, the larger the current that can flow.

 The larger the resistance, the smaller the current in the circuit.

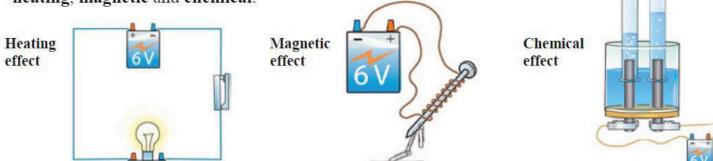
 The relationship between voltage (V), current (I) and resistance (R) can be shown using the VIR triangle.



- Ohm's Law states that at constant temperature, the voltage (V) is always proportional to the current (I) in a circuit.
- Resistors (e.g. bulbs) in a circuit can be wired either in series or parallel.



- For resistors in series, the total resistance is found by adding each of the individual resistances together. $R_{(Total)} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$.
- The three effects of an electric current are heating, magnetic and chemical.

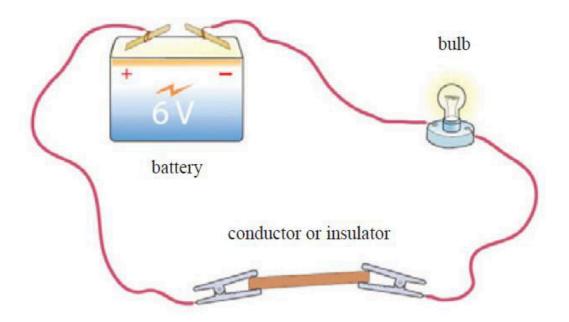


50.1 To Distinguish Between Conductors and Insulators

Different materials are placed between the **crocodile clips** to see if they are **conductors** or **insulators** of electricity.

A conductor allows the current to flow in the circuit and the bulb lights.

An **insulator** does **not allow** the bulb to light.



50.2 To Verify Ohm's Law

A circuit with a heating element is set up as shown.

The voltage of the circuit may be changed using the voltage dial on the power pack.

The **voltage** is read from the **voltmeter**, which is wired in **parallel** with the **resistor**.

The **current** in the circuit is read from the **ammeter**, which is wired in **series** with the **resistor**.

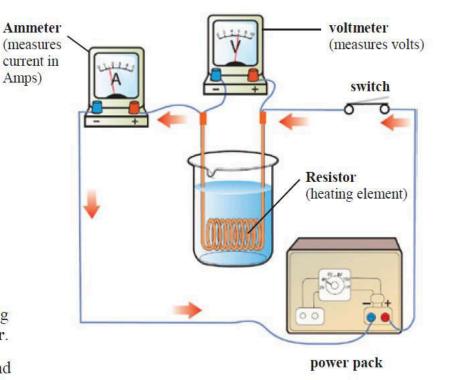
The **resistor** is prevented from heating up too much by immersing it in **water**.

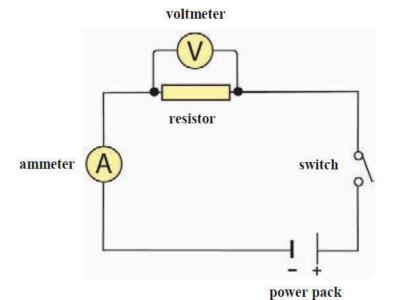
As the **voltage** is **increased**, it is found that the **current** also **increases**.

A graph plotted of current against voltage gives a straight line that passes through the origin (0,0).

This verifies Ohm's Law which states that, at constant temperature, the current in a circuit is always in proportion to the voltage of the circuit.

A **simpler drawing** of the apparatus used is shown on the right.





Electricity in the Home

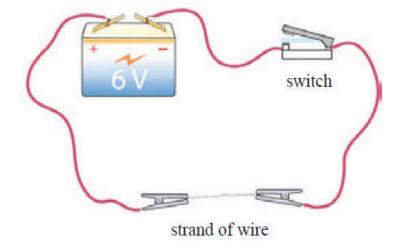
- A fuse is a safety device which cuts off the current in a circuit if the
 current goes above a certain level. The thin fuse wire overheats and melts
 and so breaks the circuit. Fuses are now replaced by circuit breakers.
- When choosing the correct fuse for a circuit, its amp rating should be slightly higher than the normal circuit or appliance requires.
- The terminals of a plug are connected as follows: Live on the right (Brown wire); Neutral on the left (Blue wire); Earth in the middle (Yellow/Green wire). A fuse is inserted on the Live wire.
- The **power** of an appliance is a **measure** of how quickly it **converts** electrical energy into other forms of energy. **Electrical power** is measured in units called **watts** (W).
- The ESB's unit of energy is the kilowatt hour (kWh).
 A kilowatt hour is the electrical energy used (converted) by a 1 kW appliance running for 1 hour.
- The number of kilowatt hours (units) used: = (number of kilowatts) x (number of hours).
- Cost of electricity = (number of kilowatt hours or units) x (cost per unit).
- Direct current (d.c.) travels in one direction only.
 Alternating current (a.c.), supplied by the ESB, changes direction many times per second. a.c. can easily be converted to d.c. using a rectifier.

51.1 To Show the Action of a Fuse

A **single strand** of fine **wire wool** is placed between the crocodile clips in the circuit.

When the **switch** is closed, the **heating effect** of the **current** heats and **breaks the strand**.

A fuse contains a thin wire that melts and breaks the circuit if the current is too big.



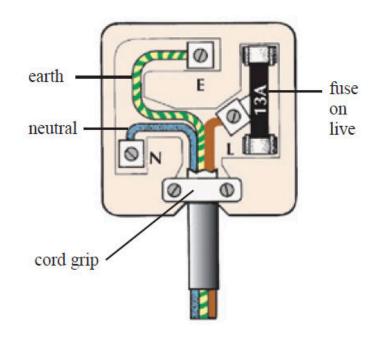
51.2 To Wire a Plug Correctly

About **5 cm** of the **white insulation** is removed from the end of the flex.

The **brown** and **blue** wires are cut back by **3 cm**. About **0.5 cm** of the **insulation** is removed from each of the **coloured wires**.

The **exposed ends** of the wires are connected to the **terminals** of the plug. **Blue** to **neutral** on the **left**; **yellow/green** to **earth** in the **middle**; and **brown** to **live** on the **right**.

All screws on the terminals, cord grip and plug cover are then tightened firmly.



Electronics

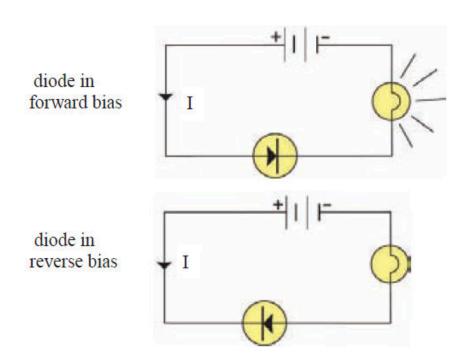
- Electronics is the careful and exact control of very small electric currents.
- A diode is an electronic component that will allow current to flow in one direction only.
- A light emitting diode (LED) is a diode that gives out light when a current flows through it.
- LEDs use far less current than a bulb.
- A light dependent resistor (LDR) is a resistor whose resistance depends on light.
- When light falls on an LDR, its resistance decreases and the current therefore increases.

EXPERIMENTS:

52.1 To Show the Action of a Diode

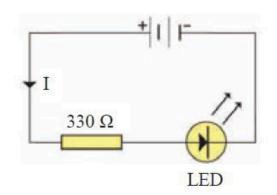
When the **diode** is wired in **forward bias** (**positive** to **positive** of the diode) the **bulb lights**.

When the diode is wired in **reverse bias** (**positive** to **negative** of the diode) the bulb **does not light**.



52.2 To Show the Action of an LED

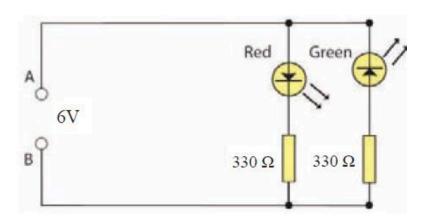
An **LED** gives out **light** when wired in **forward** bias (positive to positive) as shown. The **resistor** protects the LED from too high a current.



52.3 Using LEDs to Test the Polarity of a Battery

When terminal A is connected to the positive of the battery, the red LED (in forward bias) lights.

When **terminal A** is connected to the **negative** of the battery, the green LED (in forward bias) lights.



52.4 To Show the Use of an LDR

When **light** is shone on the **LDR**, its **resistance** decreases, the reading on the ammeter shows a higher current flowing, and the bulb lights brighter.

The resistance of the LDR decreases when light shines on it.

