

# Knowledge Bank: Year 4 Science – Electricity

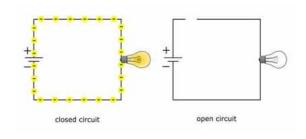
### Key Vocabulary

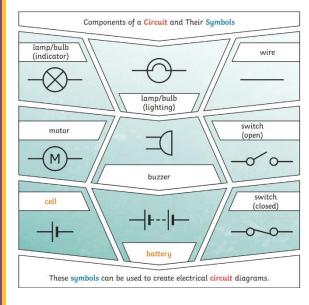
	The flow of an electric current or charge
electricity	through a material, e.g. from a power
	source through wires to an appliance.
generate	To make or produce electricity.
appliance	A piece of equipment or <b>device</b> designed
	to perform a particular job, such as a
	washing machine or mobile phone.
battery	A device that stores electrical energy as
	a chemical.
circuit	A complete route which an electric
	current can flow around.
conductor	A material or device which allows heat or
	electricity to flow through it.
wire	A long thin piece of metal that carries an
	electrical current often covered in plastic
	for safety.
bulb	A bulb (or lamp) will light up when the
	circuit is connected correctly.
insulator	Any material that electricity cannot pass
	through or along.
component	Parts that make up a circuit.
voltage	Electrical force that makes electricity
	move, measured in volts (V).
switch	A device for making and breaking the
	connection in a circuit
mains	Electricity supplied to a build through
	wires.

#### What I should already know:

- Objects need electricity to work.
- A switch turns something on and off.

## Diagrams/Images:





#### Kev Facts:

- Electricity can only flow around a complete circuit that has no gaps.
- Switches can be used to open or close the circuit.
- Electricity can pass through metal easily as they are conductors.
- Some materials cannot pass electricity along, these are called insulators.
- There are two sources of electricity; mains electricity and battery electricity.
- More batteries will push the electricity faster around the circuit. A **bulb** will get brighter with more batteries.
- Adding more bulbs with the same amount of power will reduce the brightness as it has to share the electricity.



