

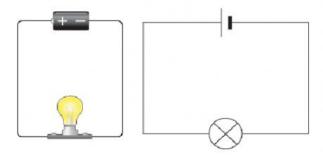
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Circuit

Read the passage to match the terms with the correct descriptions.

Electric current is the passage of electricity along a wire or other electrical conductor. The path along which the current flows from start to finish is called a circuit. A circuit includes (1) a source of energy, such as the generator;(2) wires usually made of copper, which is a good conductor;(3) any appliance that the current operates; and (4) a device, such as a switch, to turn the current off. If any part of the circuit is removed, the current cannot flow; the circuit is said to be opened. When the connection is made again, the circuit is closed. A circuit breaker is a device that opens a circuit automatically when the current grows too strong. In a series circuit the appliances are connected together by a single wire, and the current must pass through each to reach the next one. In a parallel circuit the appliances are connected so that the current flows through each one separately, and the appliance can be turned off or on without affecting the other appliances.



- A circuit in which the current keeps flowing -----
- A device used to open or closed a circuit ________



| • | A complete path through which an electric current can flow from |
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| | the source of electrical energy and back again |
| • | Circuit in which two or more appliances are connected together |
| | by a single wire |
| • | Device used to open a circuit if too much current flows through it |
| • | Electricity flowing along an electrical conductor |
| • | Circuit in which two or more appliances are connected so that |
| | current flows through each one separately |
| • | An overload of a circuit in which a current takes a short-cut-back |
| | to its source without first flowing through some appliance that |
| | use its energy |
| • | A machine that changes mechanical energy into electrical |
| | energy |
| • | A machine operated by electricity such as washer, iron, or hot |
| | plate |
| • | A circuit that has more current than it's designed to |
| | carry |
| • | A circuit in which the connection has been broken |
| • | A material through which an electric current can flow easily |
| • | A device that opens a circuit automatically |

Current, open circuit, closed circuit, circuit breaker, conductor, switch, short circuit, circuit, electric appliance, overload, generator, series circuit, fuse, parallel circuit

