

# **Electrical Circuits**

- 1. Current is the rate of flow of charge and is measured in Amps (A) by an Ammeter.
- 2. Ammeters are connected in series.
- 3. Current transfers energy.
- 4. Current needs a **complete circuit** to flow.
- 5. Voltage is the **amount of energy** shifted from the power source to the moving charge, or from the charge to the circuit component
- 6. Voltage is measured in **Volts** (V) using a **Voltmeter**.
- 7. Voltmeters are connected in parallel.

# Resistance

- 8. Resistance decreases current.
- 9. Resistance is measured in **ohms** ( $\Omega$ ).
- 10. Resistance is added by **all**

## components.

- 11. Electrical conductors have low resistance.
- 12. Electrical insulators have high resistance.
- 13. The circuit symbol for a resistor is:

#### 14. A variable resistor

can **change** the resistance in a circuit, whereas other resistors have a fixed resistance that cannot be changed.

15. The circuit symbol for a variable resistor is:



# Ohm's Law

- 16. Current through a component depends on both resistance of the component and voltage cross the component.
- 17. Increasing the voltage gives the charges a bigger push, which increases the current.
- 18. Increasing the resistance makes it harder for the current to flow, which decreases the current.

19. Current, voltage or resistance can be calculated using the equation:V = IR (Ohm's Law).

# **Measuring Resistance**

- 20. Resistance is measured by measuring voltage and current and using  $R = \frac{V}{r}$
- 21. A longer wire has a greater resistance.
- 22. Resistance of a wire is also affected by the type of metal the wire is made of.

### Resistance in Series and Parallel Circuits

23. Resistance in **series** is the **sum** of individual resistors.



- 24. The total resistance of this circuit is  $10 \Omega$ . 25. Resistance in **parallel** is **less than** the
  - lowest resistance branch.



26. The resistance of this circuit is **less than 2 Ω**.

