



# UNDERSTANDING ELECTRICITY AND CIRCUITS



## DIRECTIONS:

Use the symbols below to draw an electrical circuit for a light that you can turn on and off. Be sure to include all four components: power source, conductor(s), switch, and load.

**Tip:** Use a ruler for your conductors (wires) to ensure the diagram is clear.

## 1. CIRCUIT COMPONENTS (USE THESE SYMBOLS)



**Power Source**  
(Battery)



**Load**  
(Lamp / Light)



**Switch**  
(Open / Close)



**Conductor**  
(Wire)



## 2. DRAW YOUR CIRCUIT

Draw a complete circuit below that includes all four components: power source, conductors, switch, and load.



## 3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Fill in the blanks using the terms in the box below.

power source    conductor    load    switch

- The \_\_\_\_\_ provides electrical energy for the circuit.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ allows electricity to flow around the circuit.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ uses the electricity to do work (give light).
- The \_\_\_\_\_ can open or close the circuit.



## 4. THINK AND WRITE

1 What happens if the switch is open?

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2 What happens if a conductor (wire) is broken?

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3 Why do we need all four components for a circuit to work?

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