# **ELECTRICITY AND CIRCUITS**

## **Key Concepts**

- Electricity is the flow of electrical charge through a conductor.
- Circuits allow electrical energy to be transferred to devices.



# **Key Facts to Remember**

- Electric current is measured in amperes (A).
- Voltage (potential difference) is measured in volts (V).
- Resistance slows down the flow of current and is measured in ohms  $(\Omega)$ .
- A series circuit has one path for current; a parallel circuit has multiple paths.
- Conductors allow current to flow; insulators do not.
- Metals like copper are good conductors.
- The formula for voltage is V = I × R.

## **Quick Questions**

- 1. What is the unit of current?
- 2. What is resistance measured in?
- 3. What is the difference between a series and parallel circuit?
- 4. Name a good conductor of electricity.
- 5. What is the formula for voltage?
- 6. What does a resistor do in a circuit?
- 7. What are insulators?
- 8 What is measured in volts?

#### **Fun Fact**

Lightning is a giant electrical spark that can reach temperatures five times hotter than the Sun!

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