

Electricity: Simple Circuits & Safety

Understand a basic battery-bulb circuit as a complete path and follow strict low-voltage safety rules.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Understand a basic battery-bulb circuit as a complete path and follow strict low-voltage safety rules.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 A simple circuit needs a complete conducting path.

2 Battery cells provide electrical energy in classroom circuits.

3 Mains electricity is dangerous and adult-controlled.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Identify battery, wires and bulb in a simple diagram.

Spot the gap in an incomplete circuit drawing.

Predict whether a closed/open switch lets current flow in a simple model.

Classify classroom circuit equipment vs mains socket as child-safe only with supervision.

Draw a complete simple circuit symbolically or pictorially.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Use only approved low-voltage classroom circuit kits with teacher/adult supervision. Never experiment with mains sockets.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Design a paper “torch circuit” diagram and label where the path must be complete.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What happens if there is a gap in a simple circuit?

2. Should a child experiment with a wall socket?

3. What provides energy in a simple battery circuit?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Electricity: Simple Circuits & Safety”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

The circuit is open and the bulb will not work.

2. Suggested response

No.

3. Suggested response

A cell/battery.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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