

Atom: the basic component of all matter.

Nucleus: the central core of an atom.

Proton: a positively charged particle in the nucleus of an atom.

Neutron: a neutral particle in the nucleus of an atom.

Electron: a negatively charged particle that orbits the nucleus of an atom.

Protons: Pro = Positive

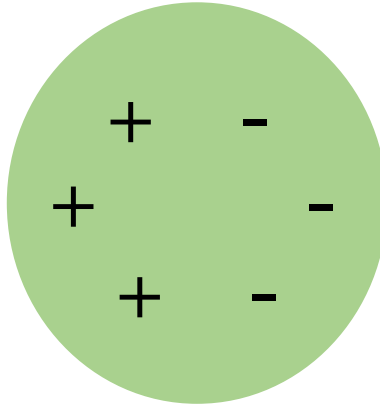
Neutrons: Neutral

Electrons: Getting

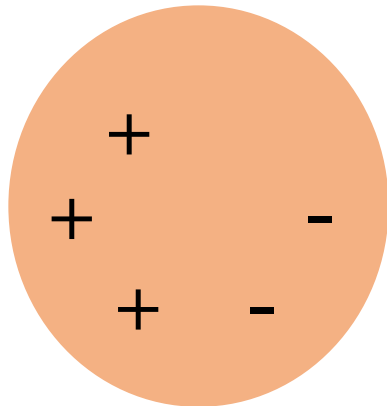
Electrocuted is a Negative
experience. You
should try to
avoid it!



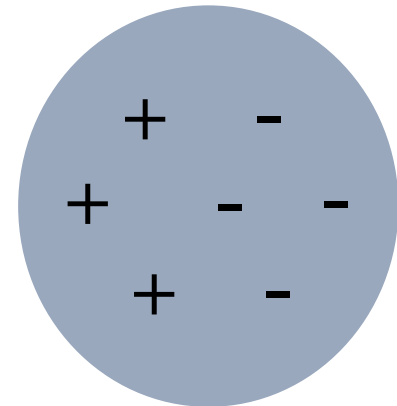
Equal Number of Protons and Electrons =
Neutral Atom



Neutral Atom Loses
an Electron =
Positive



Neutral Atom Gains
an Electron =
Negative



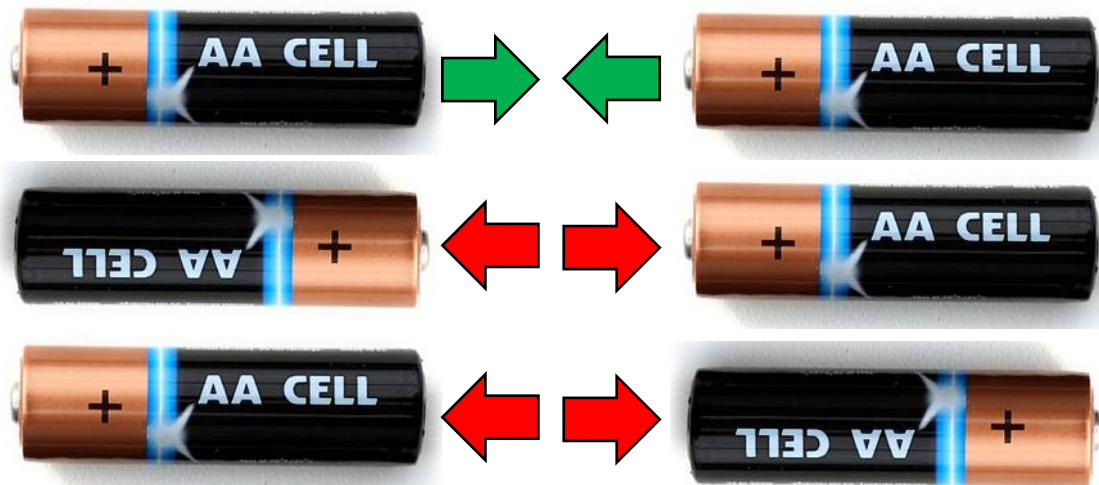
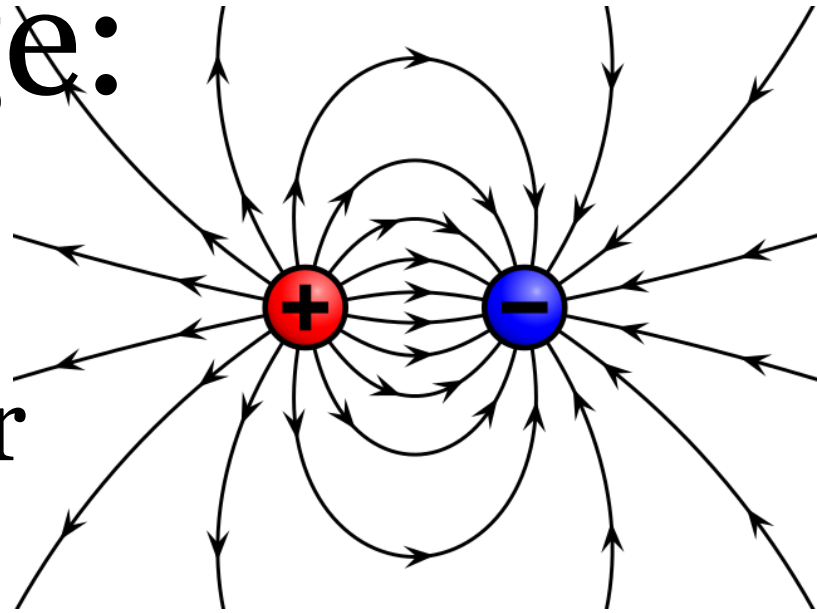
Static Electricity:

- Static = at rest
- Buildup of electric charge
- Static discharge causes spark when energy is transferred
- Lightning is a large amount of static discharge



Charge:

- Creates an invisible force that causes particles to attract or repel one another
- Opposite charges attract
- Particles with the same charge repel



Static Electricity:

The buildup of nonflowing electric charge.



Takes electrons.

Static Discharge:

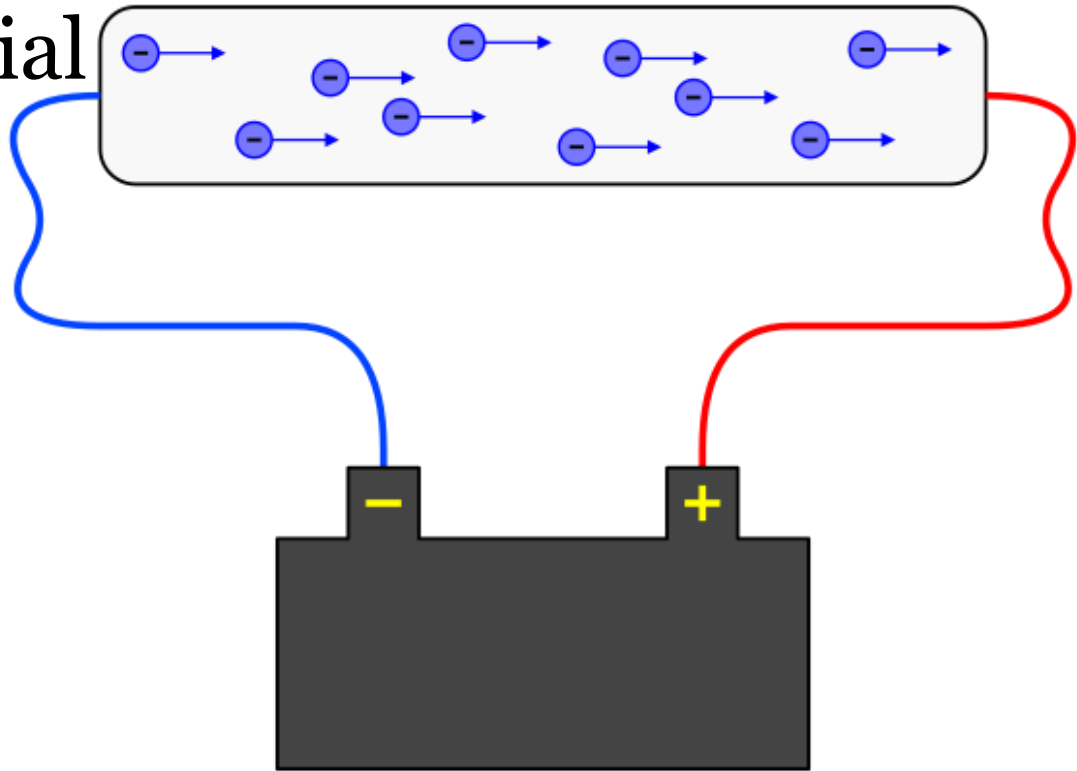
A sudden flow of static electricity from one object to another.



Passes electrons on.

Current Electricity:

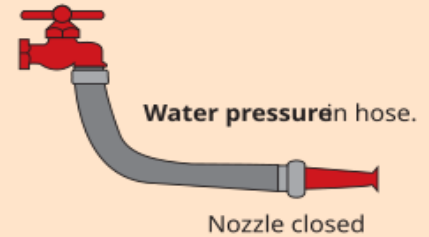
- A continuous flow of an electric charge
- What people normally refer to as electricity
- In order to flow, it needs
 - Conductive material
 - Unbroken circuit
 - Energy to start flowing



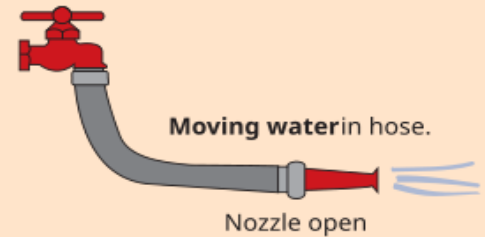
Voltage:

- When two ends of a circuit have opposite charges, this creates a difference in potential energy
- Electrons built up at the negatively charged end have the potential to transfer to the positively charged end

Hose connected to an open faucet but with the nozzle turned off.



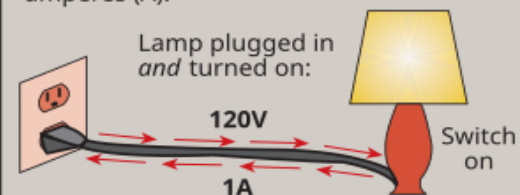
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Voltage. Electrical pressure, the potential to do work. Measured in volts (V) or in kilovolts (kV) (1 kV = 1000 volts).



Current. The movement of electric charge (e.g., electrons). Measured in amperes (A).



Resistance:

Describes how difficult it is for an electric current to flow.

