

UNDERSTANDING ELECTRICITY & ELECTRICAL SAFETY

TEACHER'S GUIDE

DIRECTIONS:

Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Why is it so dangerous to touch a power line?
 - a you might set off alarms
 - b the voltage is strong enough to injure or kill you
 - you will stop the electrical flow
 - d the power line will blow up
- 2 A complete circuit is
 - a straight path for electricity when the flow of electricity is stopped two parallel paths for electricity
 - b like a circle where the electricity travels along a path that takes it back to where it started
- Why should you never experiment with the electricity that comes from a wall outlet?
 - you might damage a nearby power plant
 - you might break the outlet
 - you might be seriously injured or killed
 - d the current is too weak
- Two examples of good conductors are
 - a metal and water
 - **b** plastic and rubber
 - water and glass
 - d air and plastic
- 5 An insulator is
 - a something that electricity can easily move through
 - b something that does not allow electricity to easily pass through
 - a special type of metal
 - d warm water
- 6 Why is a short circuit dangerous?
 - a more electricity flows through it
 - b the electricity moves faster
 - c the wires are too short
 - d it could cause a fire



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PRE/POST TEST

- True or false? Fuses and circuit breakers protect our home electrical systems by turning off the power when a circuit gets too hot.
 - a True
 - False
- 8 Which of the following is an example of a dangerous electrical situation in a home?
 - electric cords with bare wire showing
 - overloaded outlets
 - electrical cords running under furniture
 - d all of the above
- 9 An electromagnet is
 - a giant magnet
 - a very strong electrical particle
 - a strong electron
 - when electricity travels through a piece of metal, and it becomes magnetized
- Why is it important to be careful around electricity?
 - our bodies conduct electricity
 - b you might get shocked or electrocuted
 - you could be seriously injured or killed
 - d a, b, and c



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ANSWER SHEET

Information that relates to each question can be found on the pages listed below.

- b) the voltage is strong enough to injure or kill you. Page 5
- d) like a circle where the electricity travels along a path that takes it back to where it started. Page 6
- 3 c) you might be seriously injured or killed. Page 7
- a) metal and water. Page 8
- b) something that does not allow electricity to easily pass through. Page 8
- 6 d) it could cause a fire. Page 10
- a) True. Fuses and circuit breakers protect our home electrical systems by turning off the power when a circuit gets too hot. Page 14
- 8 d) all of the above. Page 16
- 9 d) when electricity travels through a piece of metal and it becomes magnetized. Page 13
- **10** d) a, b, and c. Page 5, 7, and 8