

Experiments to Explore Electricity

Pre/Post Test

Directions: Circle the correct answer. 1. Why is it so dangerous to touch a power line? a) you might set off alarms c) you will stop the electrical flow b) the voltage is strong enough to injure or kill you d) the power line will blow up 2. A complete circuit is a) a straight path for electricity b) two parallel paths for electricity c) when the flow of electricity is stopped d) like a circle where the electricity travels along a path that takes it back to where it started 3. Why should you never experiment with the electricity that comes from a wall outlet? a) you might damage a nearby power plant c) you might be seriously injured or killed d) the current is too weak b) you might break the outlet 4. Two examples of good conductors are a) metal and water b) plastic and rubber c) water and glass d) air and plastic 5. An insulator is a) something that electricity can easily move through c) a special type of metal b) something that does <u>not</u> allow electricity to easily pass through d) warm water 6. Why is a short circuit dangerous? a) more electricity flows through it c) the wires are too short b) the electricity moves faster d) it could cause a fire 7. 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 b) False 8. Which of the following is an example of a dangerous electrical situation in a home? a) electric cords with bare wire showing c) electrical cords running under furniture b) overloaded outlets d) all of the above 9. An electromagnet is a) a giant magnet b) a very strong electrical particle c) a strong electron d) when electricity travels through a piece of metal, and it becomes magnetized

10. Why is it important to be careful around electricity?

b) you might get shocked or electrocuted

a) our bodies conduct electricity

c) you could be seriously injured or killed

d) a, b, and c

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- 1. b) the voltage is strong enough to injure or kill you. Page 5
- 2. 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
- 4. a) metal and water. Page 8
- 5. b) something that does not allow electricity to easily pass through. Page 8
- 6. d) it could cause a fire. Page 10
- 7. 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