Understanding Current Electricity

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Making a Flashlight

Do you know how a flashlight bulb is designed? Clue! Take a look at the diagram.

Can you get it to work if given a battery and some wire?

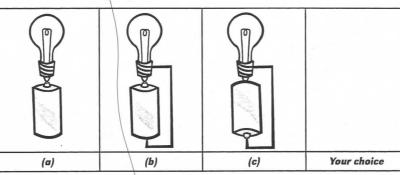


Warning!

You will quickly run down the battery if you connect the two ends with a piece of wire.

An Experiment

Which of these combinations do you think will work?



Predict

Which circuit(s) do you think will work?_____

Please give your reasons._____

Observe

Let's experiment! Which circuit(s) worked? _____ Draw any other circuits that worked.

Explain

Try to explain what you need to do to get a lightbulb to light.



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Prodict, Observe, Explain: Activities Enhancing Scientific Understanding