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Each of these statements is false.	37

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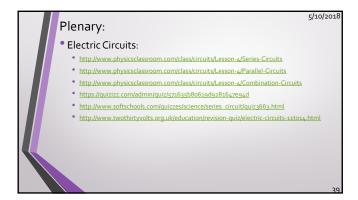
An electrochemical cell ('battery') supplies the energy needed to move a charge from a low potential location to a high potential location.

The charge that flows through a circuit originates in the wires (the electrons possessed by the atoms that make up the wires).

Charge moves abnormally slowly (~ 1 m/hour) through a circuit. But as soon as a switched is turned to ON, charge located everywhere within the circuit begins to move.

The rate at which charge flows into a light bulb = charge flows out.

An electrical appliance (e.g. light bulb) transforms electrical energy into other forms (e.g. light energy and thermal energy). Thus, the amount of electrical energy possessed by a charge as it exits an appliance is < when it entered the appliance (voltage drop).



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