

CP10a Magnets and magnetic fields

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
core		The innermost part of something e.g. the central part of the Earth.
induced magnet		A piece of material that becomes a magnet because it is in the magnetic field of another magnet.
magnetic field		The area around a magnet where it can affect magnetic materials or induce a current.
magnetic material		A material, such as iron, that is attracted to a magnet.
permanent magnet		A magnet that is always magnetic, such as a bar magnet.
plotting compass		A small compass used to find the shape of a magnetic field.

CP10b Electromagnetism

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
electromagnet		A magnet made using a coil of wire with electricity flowing through it.
solenoid		A coil of wire with electricity flowing in it. Also called an electromagnet.
temporary magnet		A magnet that is not always magnetic, such as an electromagnet or an induced magnet.

CP10c Magnetic forces

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
Fleming's left-hand rule		A way of remembering the direction of the force when a current flows in a magnetic field. The thumb shows the direction of the force, the first finger shows the direction of the magnetic field (N to S) and the second finger shows the current (+ to -).
magnetic flux density		A way of describing the strength of a magnetic field. It is measured in teslas (T).
motor effect		The force experienced by a wire carrying a current that is placed in a magnetic field.
tesla (T)		The unit for magnetic flux density, also given as newtons per ampere metre (N/A m).

CP11a Transformers

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
electrical power		Power transferred by electricity.
electromagnetic induction		A process that creates a current in a wire when the wire is moved relative to a magnetic field, or when the magnetic field around it changes.
induce		To create. For example, a wire in a changing magnetic field has a current induced in it.
potential difference		The difference in the energy carried by electrons before and after they have flowed through a component. Another term for voltage.
transformer		A device that can change the voltage of an electricity supply.

CP11b Transformers and energy

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
alternating current		Current whose direction changes many times each second.
national grid		The system of wires and transformers that distributes electricity around the country.
step-down transformer		A transformer that reduces the voltage.
step-up transformer		A transformer that increases the voltage.
transmission lines		The wires (overhead or underground) that take electricity from power stations to towns and cities.