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Summary of electronic components

Electronic Component	Symbol	Function	Practical Application
Cell	+ -	Converts chemical energy into electrical energy	Supplies energy to a car battery
Battery	- -	Converts chemical energy into electrical energy	Supplies energy to a torch
Lamp		Converts electrical energy into light	Bulb
Switch	_/_	To complete a circuit	Allows a circuit to be switch on or off
Resistor		To limit the current in a circuit	Changes electrical energy into heat in a toaster
Variable resistor	—	To vary to current in a circuit.	To vary the amount of current to a dimmer lamp
Voltmeter	- (V)-	To measure the voltage between two points. (p.d)	Measures the voltage through a component
Ammeter	-(A)-	To measure the current flow (charge per second) in a circuit / component	Measures the charge per second through a component
LED	-\$ -	To convert electrical energy into light	To act as a warning light. TV stand by
Motor	- <u>M</u> -	To convert electrical energy into kinetic energy	To allow the rotation of a washing machine drum
		To convert electrical energy	To listen to music

Loudspeaker	Image: Control of the	into kinetic energy - produces sound energy	Telephone handset
Electronic Component	Symbol	Function	Practical Application
Photovoltaic cell		To convert light energy into electrical energy	Calculator
Fuse		To limit the current flowing into a circuit	Melts and breaks when the flow of current is too high
Diode	├	To block the flow of current in one direction	Will only allow a.c to flow in one direction around a circuit.
			Used in radios and TV to convert radio or TV signals
Capacitor	⊢	To store electric charge	Used in timing circuits to produce a time delay. Traffic lights
Thermistor		When its temperature increases its resistance decreases and vice versa	Used as an input device to a central heating system.
LDR	* **	When the light levels on it decrease, its resistance increases.	Light sensor which switches on a lamp at dusk