Concept-Development Practice Page

Electric Power

Recall that the rate energy is converted from one form to another is power.

$$power = \frac{energy\ converted}{time} = \frac{voltage \times charge}{time} = voltage \times \frac{charge}{time} = voltage \times current$$

The unit of power is the *watt* (or *kilowatt*). So in units form,

Electric power (watts) = current (amperes) × voltage (volts),

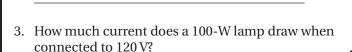
where 1 *watt* = 1 *ampere* \times 1 *volt*.



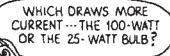
THAT'S RIGHT --- VOLTAGE = ENERGY , SO ENERGY = VOLTAGE * CHARGE --

CHARGE CURRENT NEAT

- 1. What is the power when a voltage of 120 V drives a 2-A current through a device?
- 2. What is the current when a 60-W lamp is connected to 120 V?



A 100-WATT BULB CONVERTS ELECTRIC ENERGY INTO HEAT AND LIGHT MORE QUICKLY THAN A 25-WATT BULB, THAT'S WHY FOR THE SAME VOLTAGE A 100-WATT BULB GLOWS BRIGHTER THAN A 25 - WATT BULB!



- 4. If part of an electric circuit dissipates energy at 6 W when it draws a current of 3 A, what voltage is impressed across it?
- energy converted 5. The equation power =

rearranged gives energy converted =



- 6. Explain the difference between a kilowatt and a kilowatt-hour.
- 7. One deterrent to burglary is to leave your front porch light on all the time. If your fixture contains a 60-W bulb at 120 V, and your local power utility sells energy at 8 cents per kilowatt-hour, how much will it cost to leave the bulb on for the whole month? Show your work on the other side of this page.

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