

Potential Difference Calculations Worksheet



potential difference = $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{charge}}$

$$V = \frac{E}{Q}$$

Units: V is V (volts)
Q is C (coulombs)
E is J (joules)

1. Find the unknown quantity:

<p>a) $V = ?$ $E = 45 \text{ J}$ $Q = 15 \text{ C}$</p>	<p>b) $V = 9 \text{ V}$ $E = ?$ $Q = 150 \text{ C}$</p>	<p>c) $V = 1.5 \text{ V}$ $E = 225 \text{ J}$ $Q = ?$</p>
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2. Find the unknown quantity (CONVERT FIRST to volts, joules, or coulombs)

<p>a) $V = 1000 \text{ mV} = \text{_____ V}$ $E = ?$ $Q = 20 \text{ C}$</p>	<p>b) $V = ?$ $E = 1.25 \text{ kJ} = \text{_____ J}$ $Q = 1500 \text{ C}$</p>	<p>c) $V = 1.21 \text{ GV} = \text{_____ V}$ $E = ?$ $Q = 2\,000\,000 \text{ C}$</p>
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WORD PROBLEMS

1. The potential difference between the two terminals on a battery is 9 volts. How much work (energy) is required to transfer 10 coulombs of charge across the terminals?

2. Ten joules of work (energy) are required to transfer 2 coulombs of charge from X to Y. What is the difference in potential between these two points?

3. It requires 600 joules of energy to transfer a quantity of charge between points C and D of a circuit, which have a potential difference of 30 volts. How much charge is transferred?