

Motorised Vehicle Worksheet

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Name these electrical parts:	
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Draw your circuit using these circuit symbols, and using lines to represent the wires. Label the components.	
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Is metal an insulator or a conductor?	
Is plastic an insulator or a conductor?	
What could happen if you short circuit your battery?	
What will happen if you leave the circuit switched on for a long time?	
If you measure the time T taken to travel a known distance D, how do you calculate the average speed?	
Which of your items are acting as bearings?	
Why does the pulley need to be a tight fit on the axle?	



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Why do the wheels need to be a tight fit on the axles?	
If your buggy goes backwards what can you change to make it go forwards?	
Which goes faster, a buggy with a larger pulley or one with a smaller pulley?	
Which goes up steeper slopes, a buggy with a larger pulley or one with a smaller pulley?	
Extension questions	
Why do cars have rubber tyres?	
If you were cycling up a steep hill would you choose a gear which gives you low speed and high torque ('turning force') or high speed and low torque?	
Explain why the size of the pulley affects the hill climbing ability of your buggy.	
force force the same force acting further away from the pivot will give a larger torque or 'turning force' larger pulley	
Explain why the size of the pulley affects the speed of your buggy.	
6 turns of motor shaft & pulley (5mm dia)	
6 turns of motor shaft & pulley (5mm dia) 1.5 turns of smaller pulley (20mm dia)	