6.3 Investigating electric circuits

Aim

To make series circuits and investigate how energy of the light bulbs change.

Equipment

An electrical circuit kit with: two AA Batteries, two light Bulbs or LEDs, Wires and a Switch Extra – small DC motor.

Method

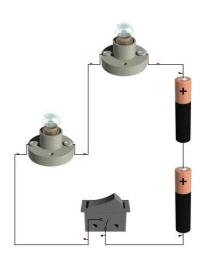
- 1. Build circuit 1 as shown:
- Q What does the switch do?
- Q Name the input (or sensor) and outputs you used in this
- Q Name the energy device



circuit.

2. Build the two circuits shown;





- Q How does adding more light bulbs affect the power of the light bulbs?
- Q What changes when you connect two batteries in series?

Conclusion

What did you learn about connecting devices together?

Can you suggest another way of connecting light bulbs or motors to a battery so they don't lose power? Draw it or even try it yourself.

Using a motor

Try connecting a light bulb and motor in series with a single 1.5V battery what did you notice?

Now try 2 batteries how does the output change in the light bulb? In the motor?