## Power Calculations \& Energy Costs

Name: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
POWER

(P) $=\mathrm{I} \times \mathrm{V}$
(I) $=\frac{P}{V}$
(v) $=\frac{P}{I}$

1. A current of 13.6 A passes through an electric baseboard heater when it is connected to a 110 V wall outlet. What is the power of the heater?
2. A 120 V wall outlet is connected to a hair dryer with a power of 1600 W . What is the current passing through the hair dryer?
3. An electrical appliance draws 1.2 A of current and has a power rating of 200 W . Calculate the voltage.
4. Convert the following powers into kilowatts. Simply divide by 1000 and write $k W$ afterwards.
a) 3000 W
b) $\quad 20 \mathrm{~W}$
c) 900 W
d) $\quad 20000 \mathrm{~W}$
e) 1 W

Look at the following table to answer the questions below.

| Electrical Appliance | Average <br> Kilowatts Used <br> Per Year |
| :--- | :--- |
| Air conditioner | 860 |
| Blanket | 150 |
| Can opener | 0.5 |
| Clock | 18 |
| Clothes dryer | 995 |
| Clothes washer | 100 |
| Coffee maker | 140 |
| Dishwasher | 365 |
| Cooling fan | 295 |
| Hair dryer | 25 |


| Electrical Appliance | Average <br> Kilowatts Used <br> Per Year |
| :--- | :--- |


| Iron | 60 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fluorescent lights | 270 |
| Mixer | 2 |
| Stereo player | 110 |
| Radio | 90 |
| Refrigerator | 2200 |
| TV (black and white) | 100 |
| TV (colour) | 325 |
| Toaster | 40 |
| Vacuum cleaner | 50 |

5. What three appliances use the most kilowatt-hours in a year?

## Energy and Cost Calculations

ENERGY

| DEFINITION | SYMBOL | UNIT | EQUATION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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Remember: When calculating energy transferred, POWER MUST be in kW and TIME MUST be in hours!

## Sample Problem:

Calculate the energy transferred by a computer with a power of 2000W which is left on for 3 hours.

## COST TO OPERATE APPLIANCES

| DEFINITION | SYMBOL | VALUE | EQUATION |
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Remember: When calculating cost, your answer must be in dollars and not cents.

## Sample Problem:

Will has an electric lawn mower which has a power rating of 5 kilowatts. Bob takes 2 hours to mow his lawn. How much will it cost him if each kWh of energy costs $\$ 0.15$ ?

## Questions:

1. Find the energy used in kWh if you leave a portable electric heater (1500W) for 6 hours.
2. If you consume 350 kWh and the electricity rate is $\$ 0.08$ per kWh , what is the cost?
3. If a family does 18 loads of laundry in an 1400 W Electric Dryer per month, and the clothes take 30 minutes to dry, what is the cost?
4. What is the maximum cost at $\$ 0.12$ per kWh of running a 2500 W central air conditioning unit for 6 hours per day for July and August?
5. You get your hydro bill and it says that it cost you $\$ 12.00$ to run your 3000 W electric generator at a cost of $\$ 0.10$ per kWh. How many hours did it run for?
