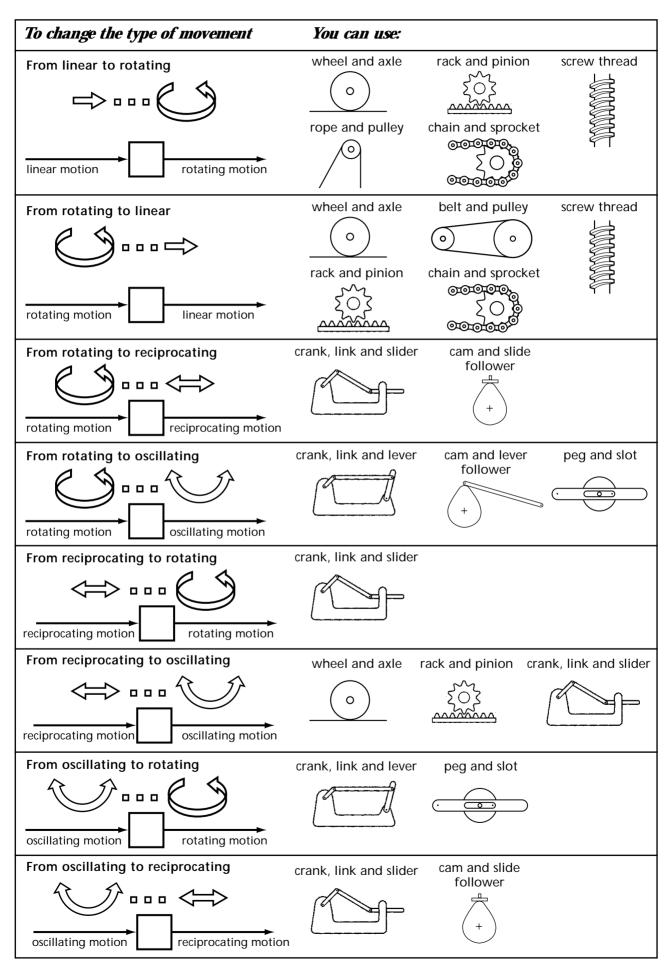
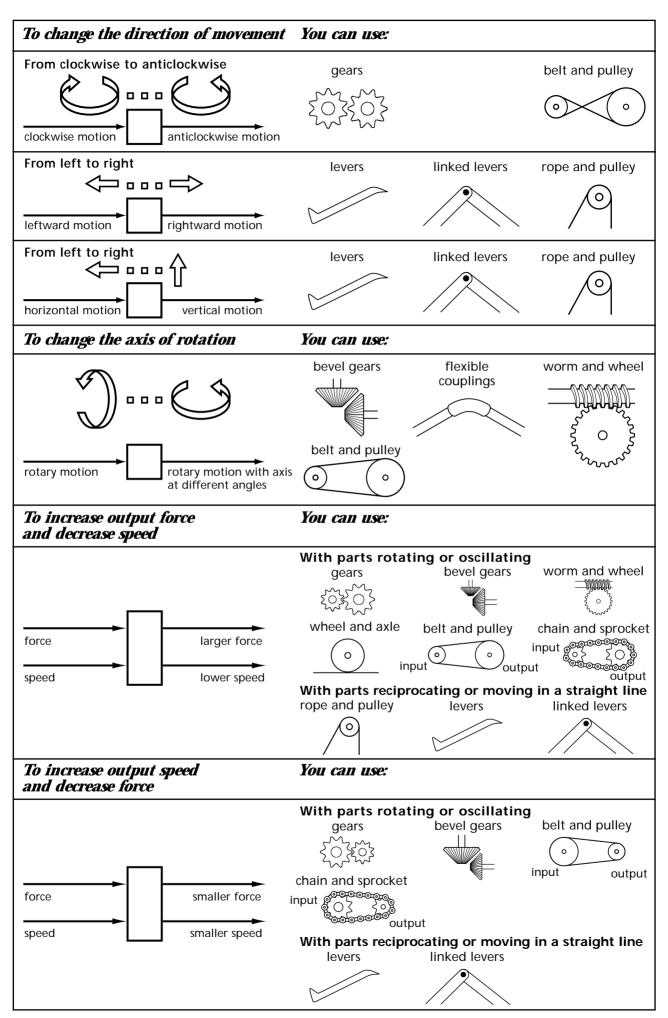
## Mechanisms Chooser Chart





# Electric Components Chooser Chart

What the components might need to do	Options	Symbols	Points to check
To provide a power supply	batteries:  • zinc carbon for low current, infrequent use  • zinc chloride for medium current, regular use  • alkaline for high current, heavy use	<del>-</del>	Make sure voltage of battery is suitable for components in the circuit.
To make light			
To give a signal	a light-emitting diode	-\(\sigma''\)	Use protecting resistor. Must be correct way round.
	a flashing light-emitting diode	- <del>()</del>	Does not need protecting resistor. Must be correct way round.
To provide illumination	a light bulb	-\>-	Must match power source.
To give rotary movement	an electric motor	-(M)-	Must match power source. May need 'gearing'.
To make sound	a bell		Must match power source.
	a buzzer		Buzzer must be correct way round.

## What to do if the circuit doesn't work

Use this checklist before you ask your teacher.

Must have got something wrong ... where's that diagram?

Check carefully against your circuit diagram.

Maybe the battery isn't connected properly?

Check to be sure.

Might be a dud battery ...

Test it with a light bulb that you know works.

Perhaps it's the solder?

Check for any 'dry' solder joints.

Could be a loose connection somewhere ...

Look carefully to check.

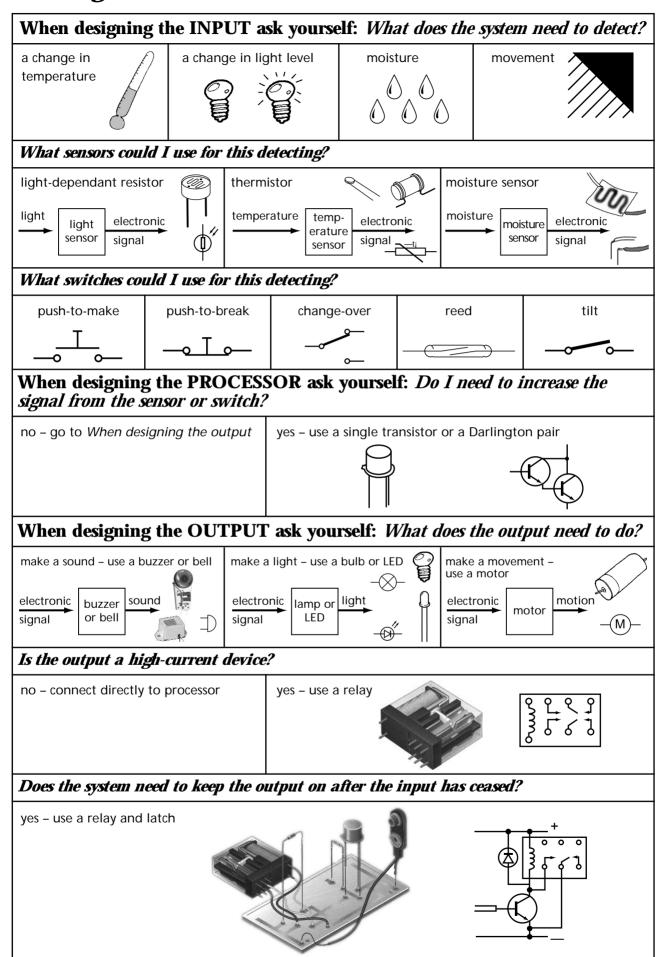
Must be something else not working?

Remove components one at a time and test them in a circuit that does work.



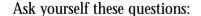
What the components might need to do	Options	Symbols	Points to check
To control current size			
By setting at a fixed value	a fixed resistor		Value provides the required current
To switch			
To hold something on or off	a push-to-make switch		Two connections to the switch.
	a push-to-break switch		
	a reed switch		
	a tilt switch	/	
To set something on or off	a single-pole, single-throw	switch ———	Two connections to the switch. Which type will be most suitable for the user?
	• push switch		
	• slide switch	000	
	• toggle switch		
	• rocker switch		
	bimetallic switch		
To turn something on and something else off	a single-pole, double-thro change-over switch	w	Three connections to the switch. Which type will be most suitable for the user?
	• micro-switch		most suitable for the user?
	• slide switch	100	
	• toggle switch		
	• rocker switch	000	
To reverse direction	a single-pole, double-thro change-over switch	w	Four connections to the switch. Which type will be most suitable for the user?
	• slide switch		
	• toggle switch		
	• rocker switch	90°	

# Sensing with Electronics Chooser Chart



### When designing the PRODUCT CASING AND STYLE ask yourself: What overall shape and size large enough to take the contents would be suitable? but small enough for hand-held use - try modelling for fit What does the user like? try using an image board try out some ideas against the How can I get an appearance that fits in with where it will image board be used? When designing the USER INTERFACE ask yourself: What switches, other controls try an imaginary user trip or indicator lights will the user need? try modelling with a plan How can I make the layout of the controls look easy to understand? How can I make it clear what try labelling with signs or symbols each switch or indicator light is for? How can I position switches try ergonomic modelling and other controls so they are easy to operate?

## What if it doesn't work



Is the battery working and is it the right way round?

#### Check to be sure.

Is everything in the right place?

### Check to be sure.

Are all the components the right way round?

Check the transistors, LEDs and diodes.



### Check carefully.

Are there any cracks in the copper tracks of the PCB?

Are there any loose connections?

Look carefully to check.