electric 1 of 2 adjective

elec·tric (i-ˈlek-trik ◄») ē-

Synonyms of electric >

or electrical (i-'lek-tri-kəl ◄))ē-: of, relating to, or operated by electricity

an *electric* current an electric heater

2 : exciting as if by electric shock

an electric performance an electric personality

also: charged with strong emotion

the room was electric with tension

3 a: ELECTRONIC sense 3a

Jill Library on Albana Sitt Library **b**: amplifying sound by electronic means → used of a musical instrument an electric guitar

4 : very bright

electric blue

electric orange

(i-ˈlek-tri-k(ə-)lē ◀))

electric 2 of 2 noun

- archaic: a nonconductor of electricity used to excite or accumulate electricity
- : something (such as a light, automobile, or train) operated by electricity

The word electric is derived from the Greek word for amber, elektron. It is only in modern times that practical use has been made of electricity, but some electrical phenomena have been known since antiquity. Certain philosophers of ancient Greece found that by rubbing amber with a piece of cloth, they could enable the amber to pick up light objects, such as feathers. In the 17th century, students of natural science began to discover that other natural phenomena were related to the effect of friction on amber.

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electrifying	exciting
exhilarating	exhilarative
galvanic	galvanizing
hair-raising	heart-stopping
inspiring	intoxicating
kicky	mind-bending
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rip-roaring	rousing
stimulating	stirring
thrilling	

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Adjective

The device administers a mild *electric* shock.

It plugs into any *electric* socket.

The *electrical* cord is damaged.

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- aricity in Prairy on Albana Al 1 or **electrical** (-tri-kəl **■**)): of, relating to, operated by, or produced by electricity
 - an *electric* current
 - an electric charge
 - an electric stove
- 2 : having a thrilling effect an electric performance

(-tri-k(ə-)lē ◄)) adverb

-kəl-nəs noun

electric 2 of 2 noun

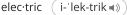
: something (as a light, automobile, or train) operated by electricity

Etymology

Adjective

from scientific Latin *electricus* "produced from amber by friction," derived from earlier Latin *electrum* "amber," derived from Greek ēlektron (same meaning); so called because static electricity was first discovered by the friction produced by rubbing a piece of amber

electric adjective



variants or electrical (-tri-kəl ◄))

: of, relating to, or operated by electricity

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