Motorised Vehicle Worksheet

Name: _____ Name these electrical parts: Draw your circuit using these circuit symbols, and using lines to represent the wires. Label the components. 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 a time T to travel a distance D, how do you calculate the average speed? What was the average speed of your vehicle? Which of your items are acting as bearings? Why does the pulley need to be a tight fit on the axle?



Why do the wheels need to be a tight fit on the axles?	
If your vehicle goes backwards, what can you change to make it go forwards?	
Which goes faster, a vehicle with a larger driven pulley or one with a smaller driven pulley?	
Which goes up steeper slopes, a vehicle with a larger driven pulley or one with a smaller driven pulley?	
EXTENSION C	UESTIONS
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 driven pulley affects the hill climbing ability of your vehicle.	
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 driven pulley affects the speed of your vehicle.	
Rubber band 6 turns of motor pulley (5mm dia) Rubber band 6 turns of motor pulley (30mm dia) Rubber band 6 turns of motor pulley (5mm dia) 1.5 turns of smaller driven pulley (20mm dia)	

