DC Circuits

- 1. Basics Requirements
 - a) Closed loop to allow charge to flow.
 - b) Need a source of energy to establish a current.
 - c) A source of energy in a circuit is called and EMF(electromotive force). This is a poor term to use since it is not a force). An EMF provides a constant potential difference in a circuit to establish a current. Ex. Battery, power supply, generator, solar cell
 - d) You can think of a an EMF as a "*charge pump*" that maintains a constant potential between two points on a circuit.

Example of an EMF



2. Ideal Source (Battery)



 $\epsilon = EMF = electromotive force$

$$V_{ab} = IR$$

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 $V_{ab} = \varepsilon$ Ideal Battery

*In an ideal battery the terminal voltage is equal to the EMF

3. Real Source (Battery)



