

Some people carry jumper or booster cables in the trunks of their cars. They use them in case their car **batteries** die. They may also use them to help other drivers when their batteries die. You may have seen someone use jumper cables to get a car started. You may have noticed two things about the jumper cables. First, there are two cables. Second, each cable is made of metal and plastic.

Just one jumper cable would be useless. Jumper cables must be a pair because you need two cables to make a **circuit**. A circuit is a closed pathway or loop. An electric circuit is a closed pathway through which **electricity** flows. One jumper cable allows electricity to flow from the good battery to the dead battery. The other jumper cable allows the electricity to flow from the dead battery back to the good battery. The second jumper cable completes the circuit.

