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1. Electricity

a. The rotating part of a dynamo, consisting essentially of copper wire wound around an iron core.

b. The part of an electromagnetic, optical, or other device that moves to establish a point of contact, especially to read or write data, as on a hard drive.

c. A piece of soft iron connecting the poles of a magnet.

2. Biology A protective covering, structure, or organ of an animal or a plant, such as teeth, claws, thorns, or the shell of a turtle.

3. A framework serving as a supporting core for the material used to make a sculpture.

[Middle English, armor, from Old French, from Latin *armātūra*, equipment, from *armātus*, past participle of *armāre*, to arm; see [ARM](#)².]

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