

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING AN ABLENET POWERLINK

1. Plug PowerLink into wall socket.
2. Plug switch into the small round socket just above the dials on face of the PowerLink.
3. Plug the electrical appliance into one of the two electrical sockets on the PowerLink.  
NOTE: You are able to plug in and use two electrical appliances simultaneously, by plugging each appliance into an electrical socket of the box.
4. Select the mode of control with the top dial on the box. "Modes" determine the amount of time the appliance operates once the user activates the switch.

**Direct Mode:** Keeps the appliance "on" only while the switch is activated. This mode is often preferred for students learning cause and effect.

**Timed Seconds Mode** (bottom dial on the box): Allows the appliance to run for a set amount of time from one to 60 seconds with a single activation. Ideal for quick activities like: sharpening pencils, playing musical games, grinding coffee.

**Timed Minutes Mode** (bottom dial on the box): Allows the appliance to run for a set amount of time from one to 60 minutes with a single activation. Ideal for lengthier activities: turn on overhead projector, play electric keyboard, run popcorn popper.

**Latch Mode:** One activation of the switch turns the appliance "on"; the second activation turns it "off". Effective when you want an appliance to remain on for an extended length of time: lamp, computer, boom box.

The Timed modes turn on the appliance. When the switch is released the appliance continues to run for the period of time selected. The bottom dial selects the number of seconds

6. Turn the appliance on.
7. Activate the switch to start the appliance.

For ideas to use the AbleNet Powerlink, refer to suggestions on the following links on the PISP website...

- Using A Switch In Elementary School  
<http://www.pisp.ca/strategies/strategies34.pdf>
- Using A Switch In Middle School & High School  
<http://www.pisp.ca/strategies/strategies94.pdf>
- Ideas For Using Appliances in Meaningful Routines  
<http://www.pisp.ca/strategies/strategies60.pdf>
- Using A Switch In Day Program & Community Activities  
<http://www.pisp.ca/strategies/strategies89.pdf>
- Adults Using Switches With Appliances  
<http://www.pisp.ca/strategies/strategies98.pdf>

