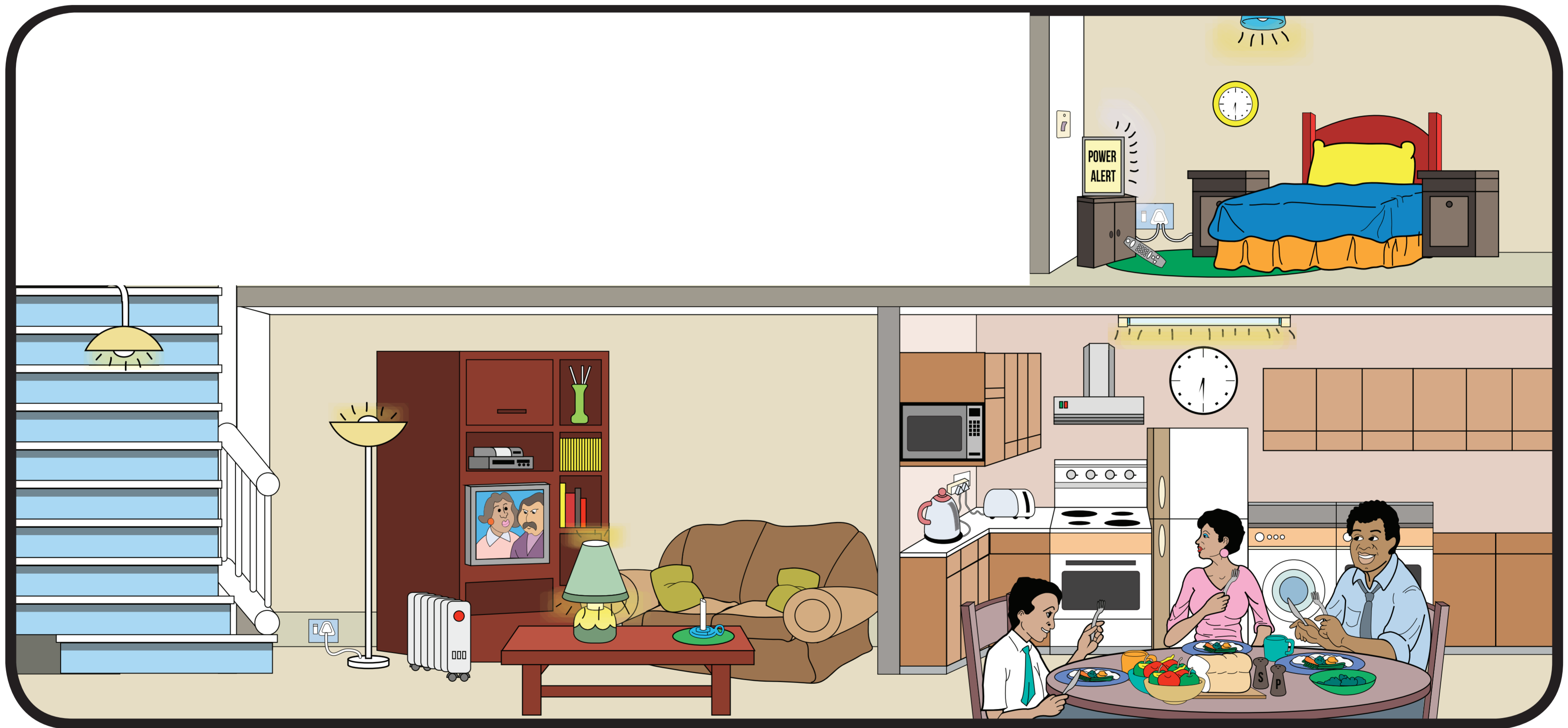


Use energy wisely

Grade 1



Educator's note: You can read the story and ask learners to read along.

Good Habits

My name is Max and this is what happened at dinner last night. Dad sat down to have dinner with mummy and I. Mummy cooked a delicious dinner.

Mum watched a programme on television while at the table. Dad very politely told mummy to switch off the TV. Then I shouted out, "Oh no dad, my programme is going to start just now."

Dad replied in a soft, but clear voice, "Sssshhhhh. We should not eat and watch television at the same time. It is not a good habit. Enjoy the food and let's not watch the TV while eating. Besides it is unkind to ignore each other at the table."

My name is _____ and this is what happened at dinner last night. Dad sat down to have dinner with mummy and I. Mummy had cooked a tasty _____. Mummy watched a programme on _____ while at the table eating and watching television]. Dad very politely told mummy to _____ the TV.

Then I shouted out, "Oh no Dad, my _____ is going to start just now." Dad replied in a soft but clear voice, "Sssshhhhh, Enjoy the food and let's not watch the _____ while eating. Besides it is unkind to ignore each other at the table."

"Max," said dad, "I noticed that you had left all the _____ on. Son, I kindly ask that you _____ the lights upstairs off."

"Max," said dad, "I noticed that you had left all the lights on upstairs. Son, I kindly ask that you switch the lights off upstairs." "But why dad?" I asked. Dad smiled and replied, "Every time we put something on we are using energy. We are downstairs so there is no need for the lights upstairs to be on. Right now we are wasting energy. Whenever we use energy and even if we are wasting energy, I have to pay for it."

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Dad smiled and replied, "Every time we put something on we are using _____. We are downstairs so there is no need for the _____ upstairs to be on. Right now we are wasting _____. Whenever we use energy and even if we are wasting energy, I have to _____ for it. Do not waste _____. Do not waste _____. Do not waste _____. Use what we have wisely – it is the right thing to do."

"I listened to my dad and so did my mummy. Although we did wrong, dad was patient and explained very clearly that saving and using wisely is a good _____."