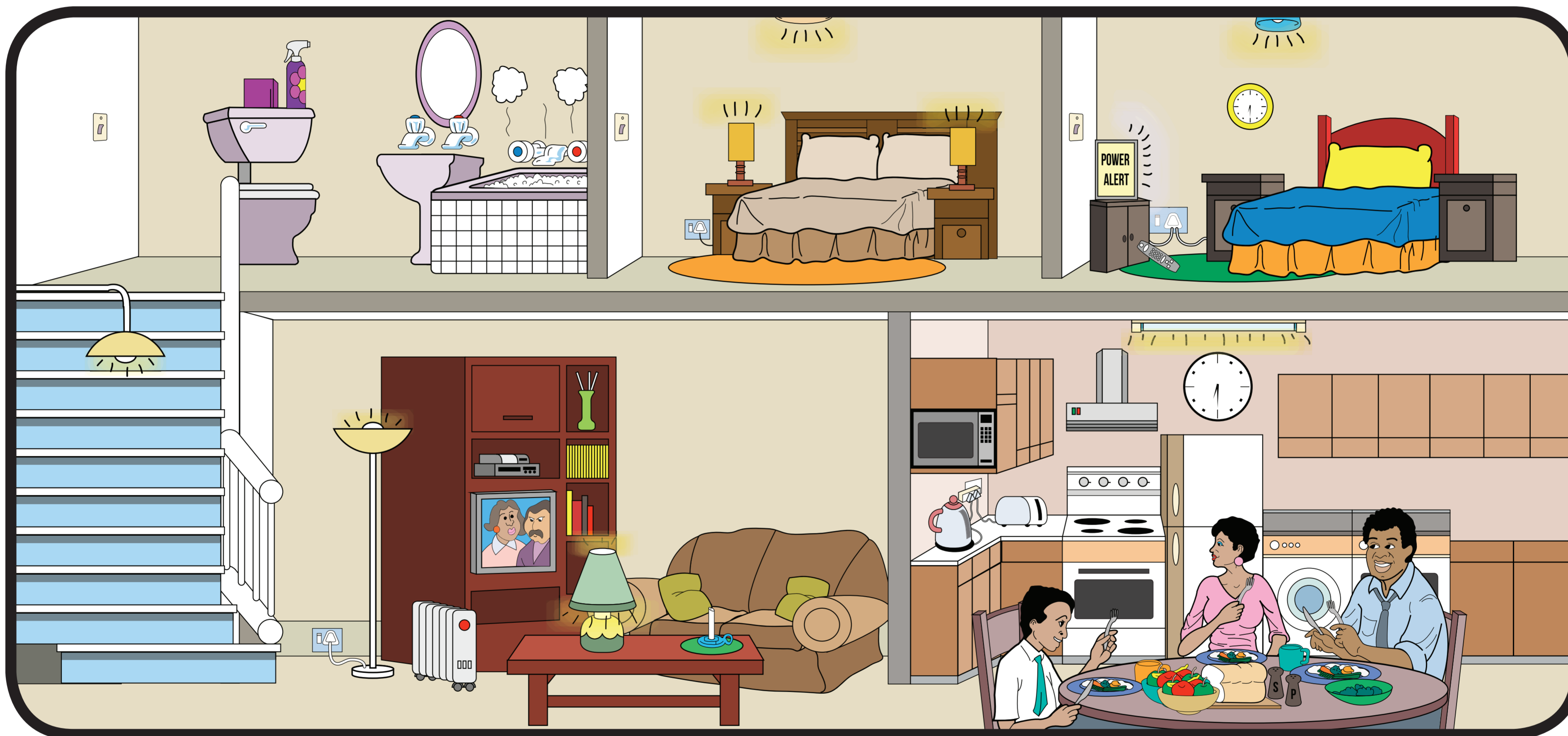


# Use energy wisely

Grade 3



**Educator's note:** You can read the story, the learners can read part of the story in a group, act out the story, re-tell the story, write their own story.

## 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, "ssshhhhh. 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."

"Max," said dad, "I noticed that you had left all the lights and the television 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. Nobody is watching television upstairs. Right now we are wasting energy. Whenever we use energy and even if we are wasting it, I have to pay for it."

Do not waste water. Do not waste energy. Do not waste time. Use what we have wisely – it is the right thing to do." 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 energy wisely is a good habit."

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."

"But why dad?" I asked.

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 \_\_\_\_\_."