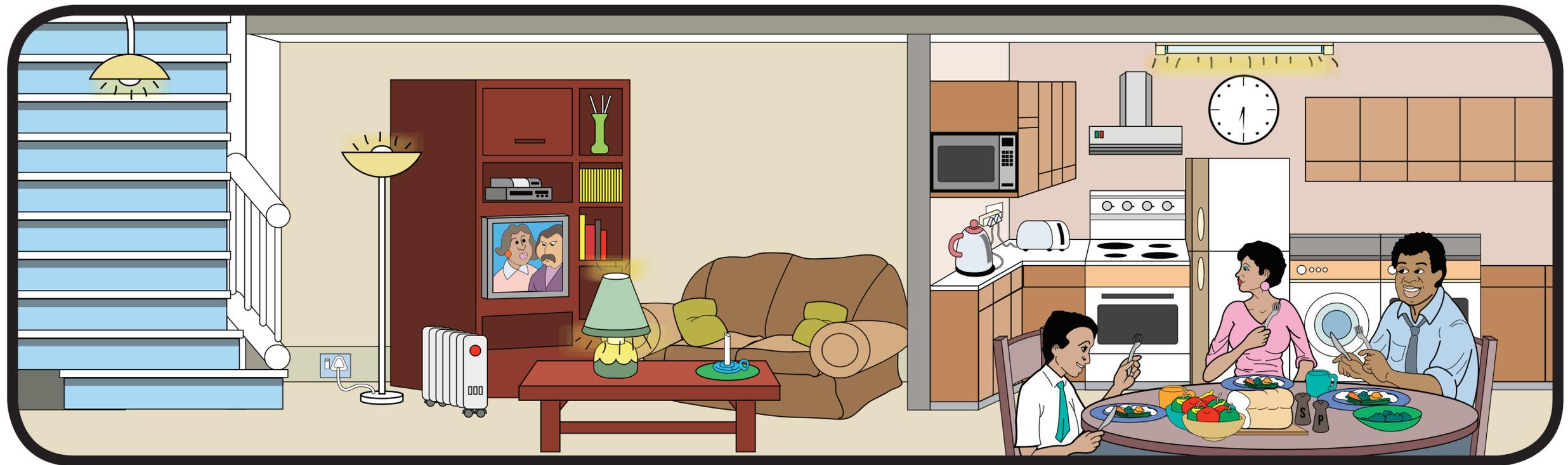


Use energy wisely

Grade R



Educator's note: For Grade 2 and 3 only. For Grade 2 the educator 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. For grade 3 the story is provided again, with some words left out, the learners can be asked to say what the missing words.

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 had cooked a tasty dinner. [PQ: What kind of dinner did mummy cook? Mmmm...tasty...]

Mummy watched a programme on television while at the table [PQ – What was mummy doing? eating and watching television]. 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, [PQ: What did dad say? Show action: The learners are to put their index finger on their lips and say -“ssshhhhh”]. 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 on. Son, I kindly ask that you switch the lights upstairs off.”

But why dad?” I asked.

Dad smiled [PQ: What did dad do? Get the learners to smile] 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. Do not waste water. Do not waste energy. Do not waste time. Use what we have wisely – it is the right thing to do.”

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