Parents: Visit scholastic.com /powerofgreen/family.htm for more gas and electric safety tips! (También en español)

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It's a nice fall day in New York.

Lucy and Mateo are walking with their grandmother. They see Eddie, Surfer, and Mikey Monkey from Con Edison.

"It's our Power Safety Team friends, Lucy and Mateo!" says Surfer. They stop to chat.

Eddie explains that a man smelled natural gas near his house. He thought it could be a gas leak. He called Con Edison to report it. They checked it out. Everything is OK.

"Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. Ewww!" says Mateo.

"Smell gas, act fast!" adds Lucy.

"You're right!" says Mikey. "That's a very important safety rule!"

"We need to go to our next job. Tell Grandma what to do if you smell gas. Maybe she can earn her safety badge, too!" adds Surfer.

"I love badges," says Grandma.



The kids go home with Grandma.

They tell her what they learned about gas and electric safety from their friends at Con Edison.

"If you smell gas, act fast. It could be a gas leak. That can be dangerous. Kids should tell a grown-up they know right away. The grown-up should get everybody away from the smell. Then they should call the gas company or 911," says Lucy.

"Those are very good safety rules," says Grandma. "Lots of stoves, ovens, and heaters run on gas. Kids should not play near these things."

Mateo shares some electric safety tips.

"Keep electronics away from water. Electricity and liquids are not friends!

Do not play near electric equipment. And don't pull on cords.

Stay away from fallen wires outside."

"That's great, kids! We should all follow these safety rules. Always tell a grown-up you know if you see anything unsafe," says Grandma.

"Grandma, you can be part of The Power Safety Team like us!" exclaims Lucy.

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Lucy and Mateo have some safety questions for you. Read each question below. Circle the correct answer.

1. What does natural gas smell like?

grass rotten eggs

stinky cheese

2. What should you do if you smell gas?

tell a grown-up

do nothing

play soccer

3. What should you keep electronics away from?

grown-ups

desks

water

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