

# RAIL TALES WITH MAX & LUCY



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Lucy, Lucy! They are right next to the railroad tracks and don't even see the train coming!

Watch out! A train is coming!



Who are you guys?

Trains are cool and fun, but you should be careful when you are around them!

I thought trains are supposed to warn us with loud horns. I didn't hear it...

In some neighborhoods, trains may not always sound their horns.

I'm Max, and this is my big sister, Lucy. We're here to help you be safe around the railroad tracks.



That's right Max. Those neighborhoods have quiet zones.

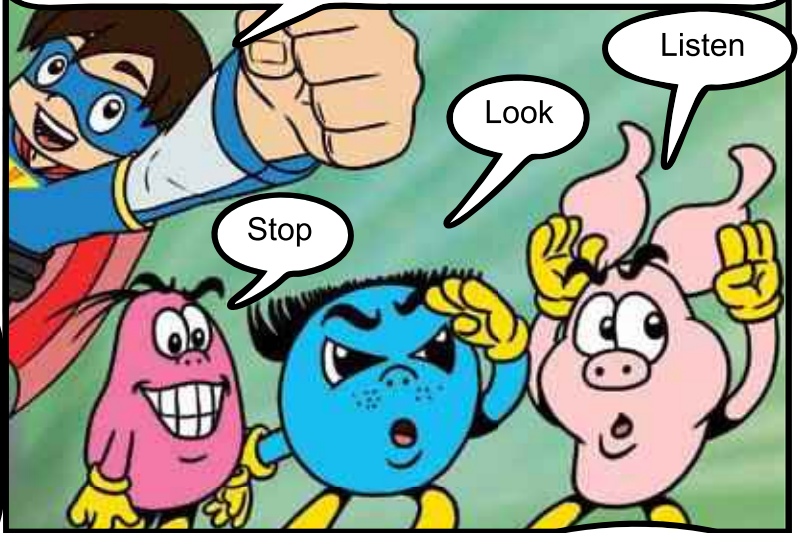
In a quiet zone, trains don't have to sound their horns, so you may not even know there is one coming!



It's important to always stop and look both ways before crossing the railroad tracks because a train may be coming at any time.



Remember these three words: Stop, Look and Listen!



I always do it!

That's too hard on my neck!

Lucy's right. You need to look both ways!



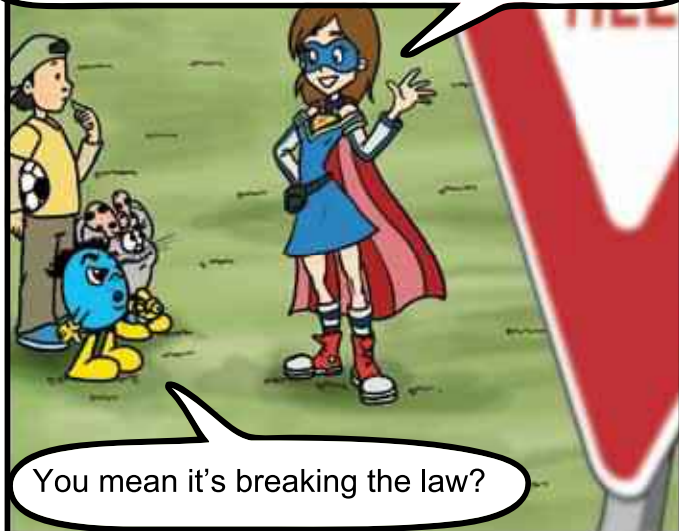
We can't cross here. We must walk to the safe crossing area.

Why, Lucy?, We could cross right here before the train even gets here.



Railroad tracks are private property and are owned by the train companies, so we can only cross at specific crossing areas. It's illegal to walk across the railroad tracks right here.

Yes! It's considered trespassing and there are fines, too! Look for crosswalks that show where you can cross safely.



You mean it's breaking the law?



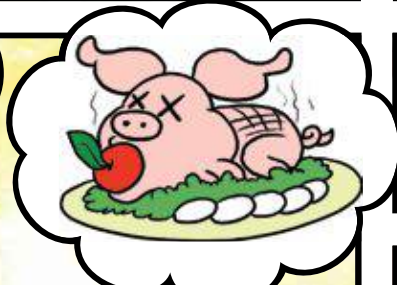
Hey Max, see that train coming? I bet I can cross the tracks before it gets here!



Trains can travel as fast as 90 miles per hour – that's faster than a cheetah, the world's fastest animal!



You don't want to be a holiday ham, do you?!



Lucy, why is the flashing gate moving?



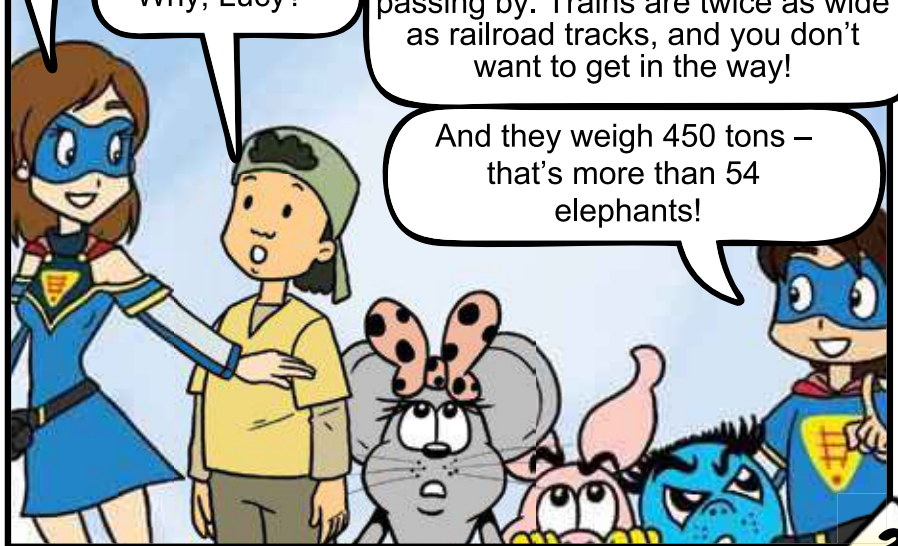
Does that mean we won something?

Actually, the flashing lights and ringing bells mean STOP.



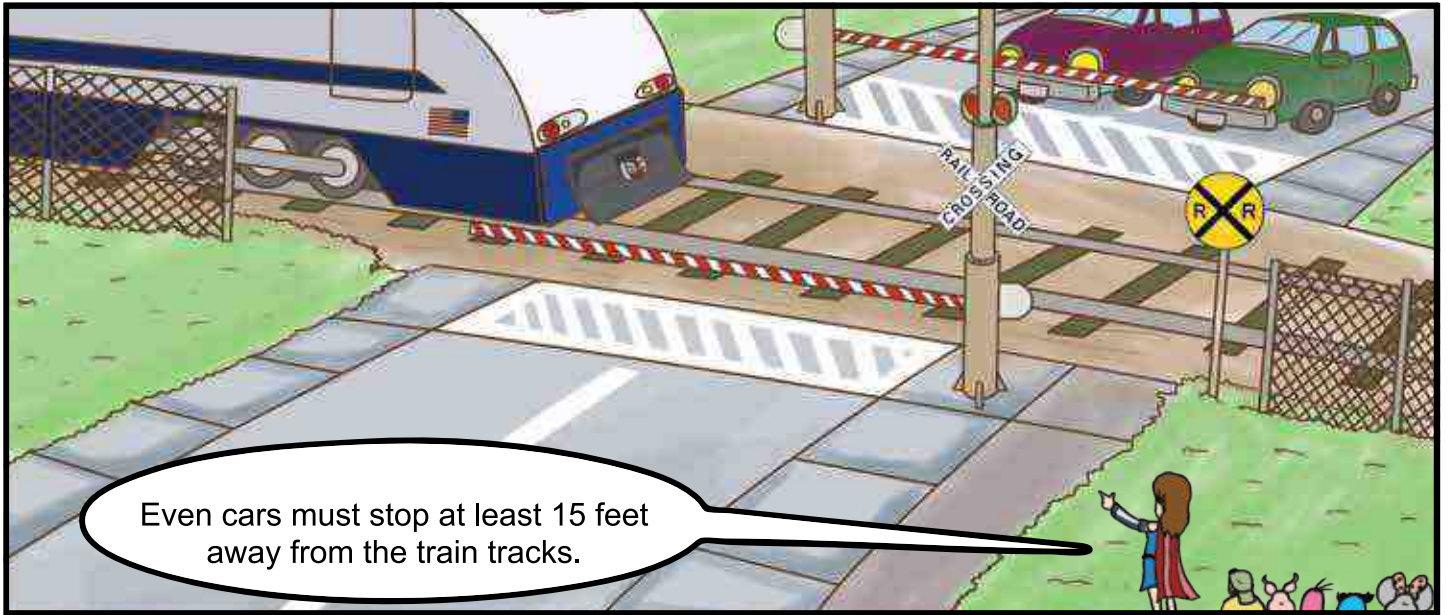
Everyone, take a step back.

Why, Lucy?

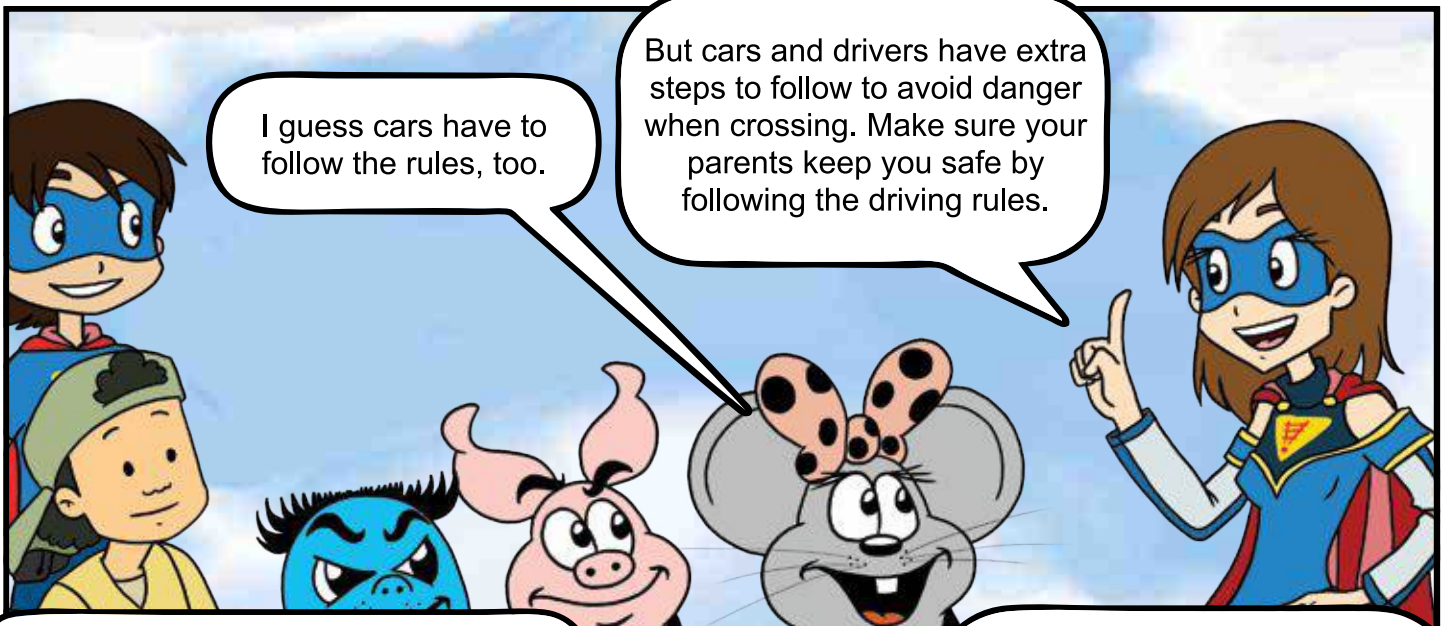


When you're waiting at a railroad crossing, it's important to stand a safe distance away from the tracks, on the sidewalk, when a train is passing by. Trains are twice as wide as railroad tracks, and you don't want to get in the way!

And they weigh 450 tons – that's more than 54 elephants!



Even cars must stop at least 15 feet away from the train tracks.



I guess cars have to follow the rules, too.

But cars and drivers have extra steps to follow to avoid danger when crossing. Make sure your parents keep you safe by following the driving rules.

Now you know how to stay safe around railroad tracks and trains. Remember to always stop, look and listen before crossing the tracks!

We hope you won't get into any more trouble. Be rail safe!

I will be sure to stay away from railroad tracks since they are private property.

And I won't try to race any trains.

Now that we know the rules, let's cross safely and get a treat at the ice cream shop!



We'll be careful. Thanks to you, Max & Lucy!

**Look both ways before crossing! Trains may not always sound their horns in quiet zones.**

¡Miren hacia ambos lados antes de cruzar! Los trenes no suenan sus bocinas en zonas calladas.



**Don't walk on railroad tracks - it's dangerous and illegal.**

No caminen en las vías del ferrocarril, es peligroso e ilegal.



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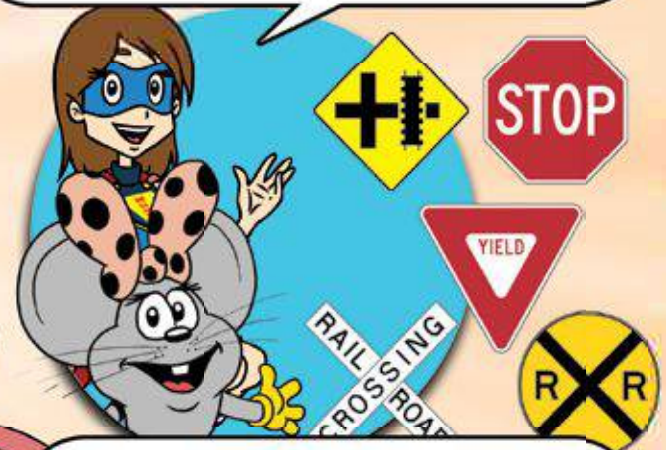
**Cross only at safe designated areas.**

Crucen solo en las áreas designadas de seguridad.



**It's important to know and learn the railroad warning signs.**

Es importante saber y aprender las señales de aviso del tren.



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¡Encuentre mas actividades del cuidado de ferrocarril para niños en el sitio de internet!



**Don't go around or under the gates when they are down.**

No pasen alrededor o debajo de las barreras cuando están bajas.