

# Electricity and Safety Unit

## Background information on Zappa

As an introduction to the unit read the following information to students.

### Who is Zappa?

You may be surprised to know that all of us already know Zappa very well.

Zappa is a wild electron who lives in electrical equipment. Zappa continuously looks for ways to escape where it lives, such as through frayed power cords or fallen electrical power lines.

We spend a lot of time with Zappa. We play with Zappa, cook with Zappa, even watch television with Zappa. But strangely enough, we rarely see Zappa because most of the time, Zappa remains imprisoned inside appliances and wires. Which is a good thing, because although we live very closely with Zappa, if Zappa isn't imprisoned... Zappa can be very dangerous.

Most of the time, electricity is safe. But sometimes a dangerous electrical situation can happen and we risk being electrocuted if we don't know what to do. We have to be smart and we have to be careful because if Zappa gets to us... we're in for a big shock!

You'll soon know just what to do in a dangerous electrical situation and how to spot one.

