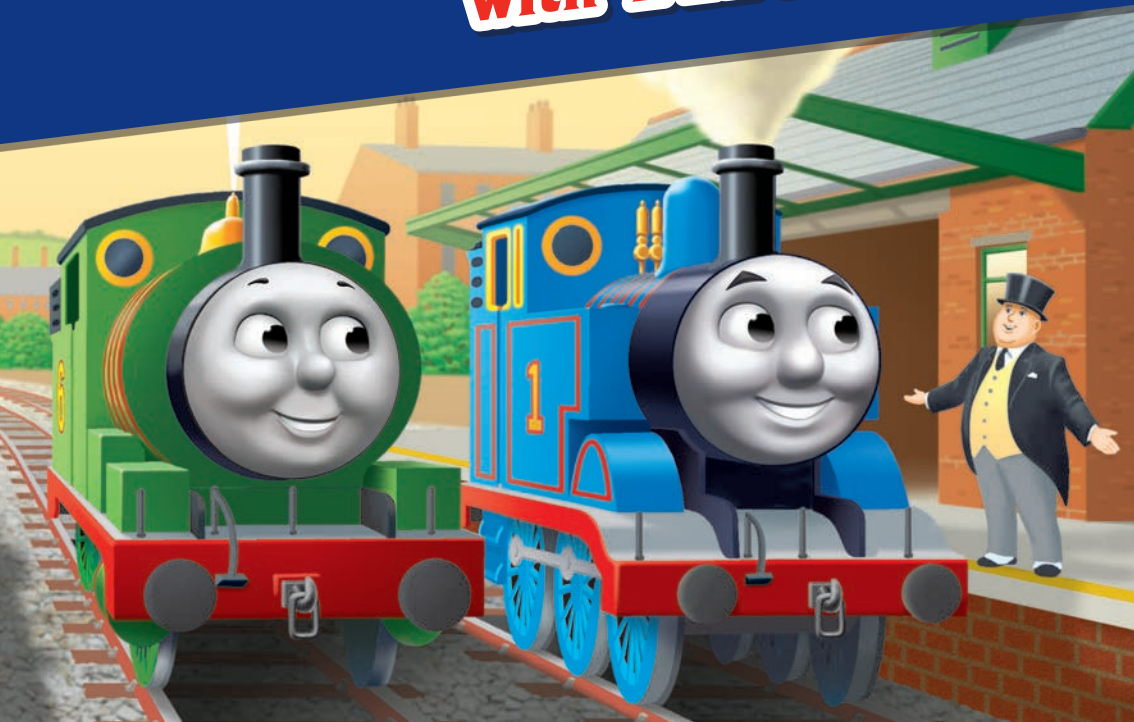


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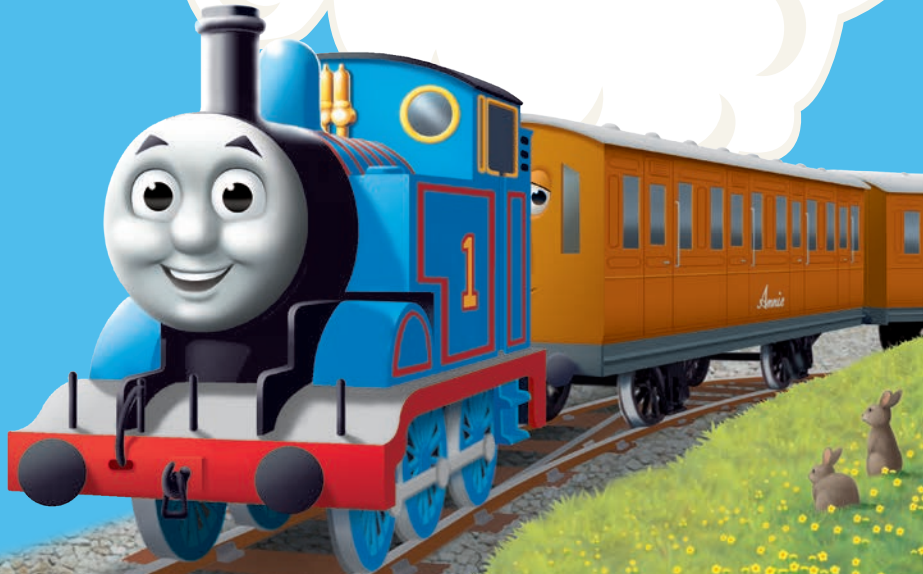
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*This is a story about how I
learned to be safe around the
tracks. Enjoy the story and look
out for things that you can do to
stay safe near railways ...*



Thomas the Tank Engine had six small wheels, a short stumpy funnel, a short stumpy boiler and a short stumpy dome.

Thomas was a cheeky little engine.
He thought he knew everything there was to know about Sir Topham Hatt's railway.





One morning, Sir Topham Hatt came to the Sheds to give Thomas his jobs for the day.

“Thomas, it is your job to keep yourself and all your passengers safe,” warned Sir Topham Hatt. “You must never be silly when you’re out on the tracks.”

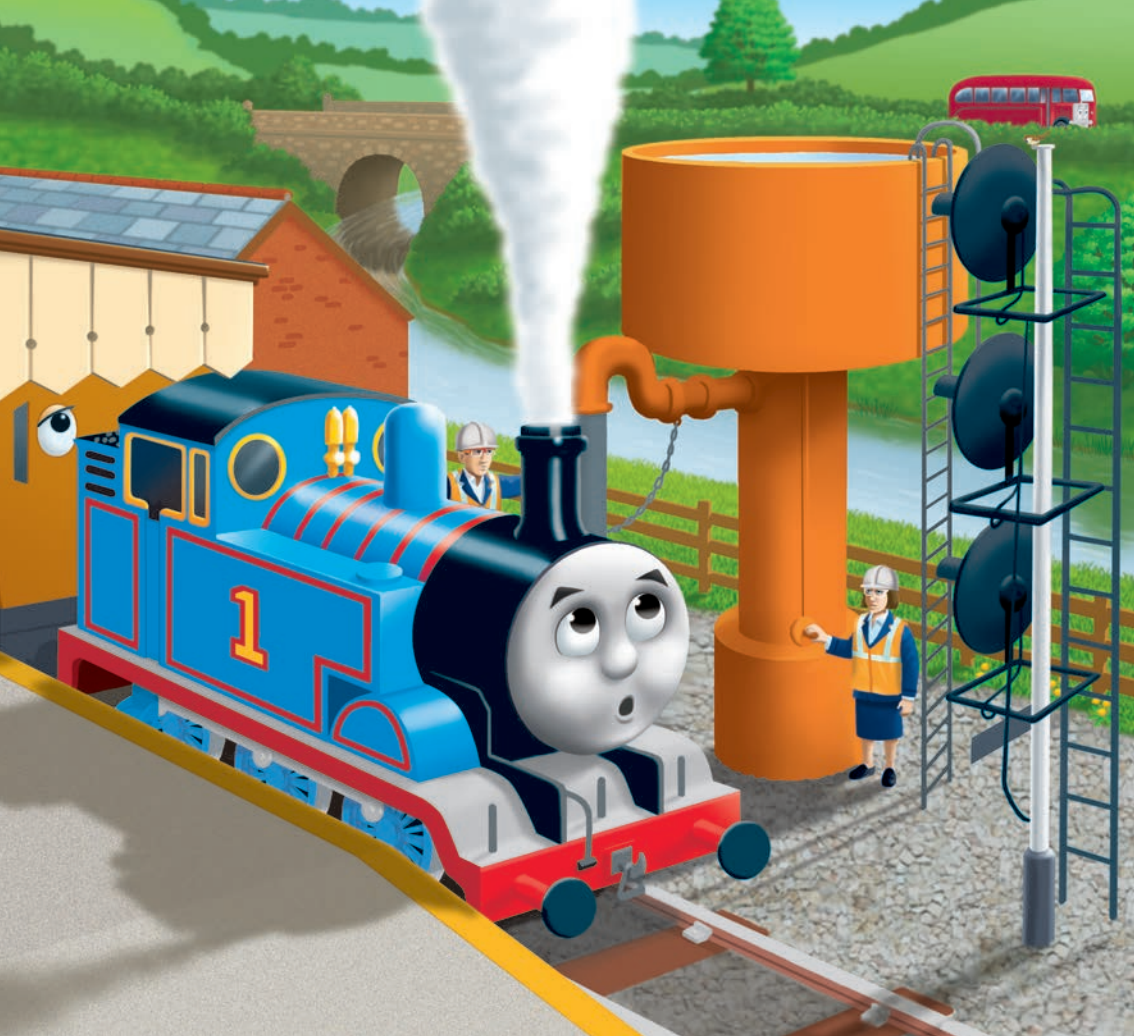




But Thomas didn't listen. He was in a silly, cheeky mood. He rushed to the Water Tower to fill up his boiler before he started his day.

“Having fun is more important than being safe,” he giggled, as he let out a huge burst of steam!





Once Thomas was clean, his coaches, Annie and Clarabel, were coupled up to him and off they went.

Thomas saw his friend Bertie driving along the road ahead of him.

“I can’t be slower than a bus,” he thought.

Thomas sped up and raced Bertie through the countryside.

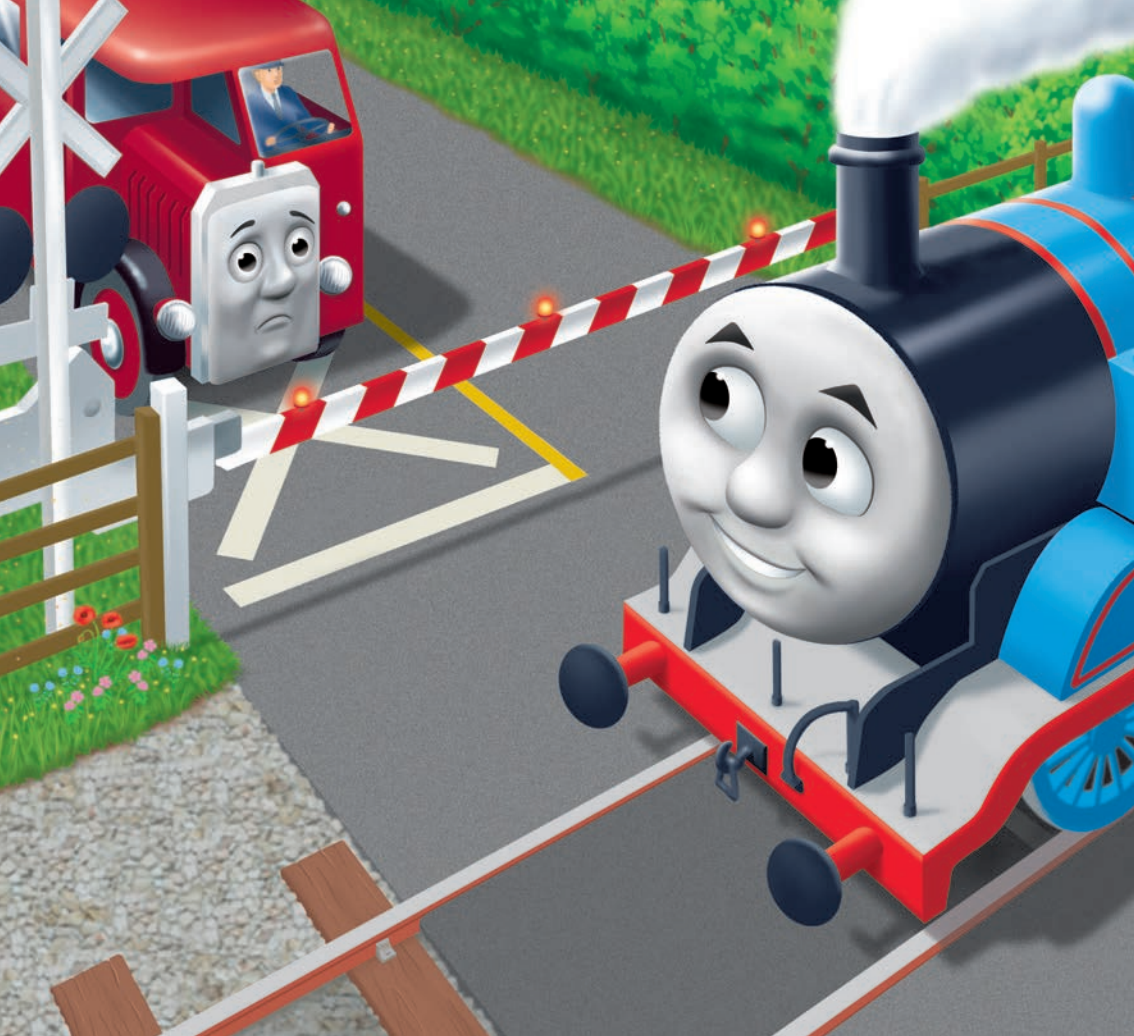




A little further along, the road turned and crossed the tracks.

“Why are you waiting there?” teased Thomas, as he whooshed past Bertie at the rail crossing. “Don’t you want to race?”





But Thomas didn't stop to hear Bertie's reply – he sped on past a farm.

“There are animals close to the tracks, Thomas,” warned Annie. “Don't go too fast.”

But Thomas didn't listen – he raced the horse.



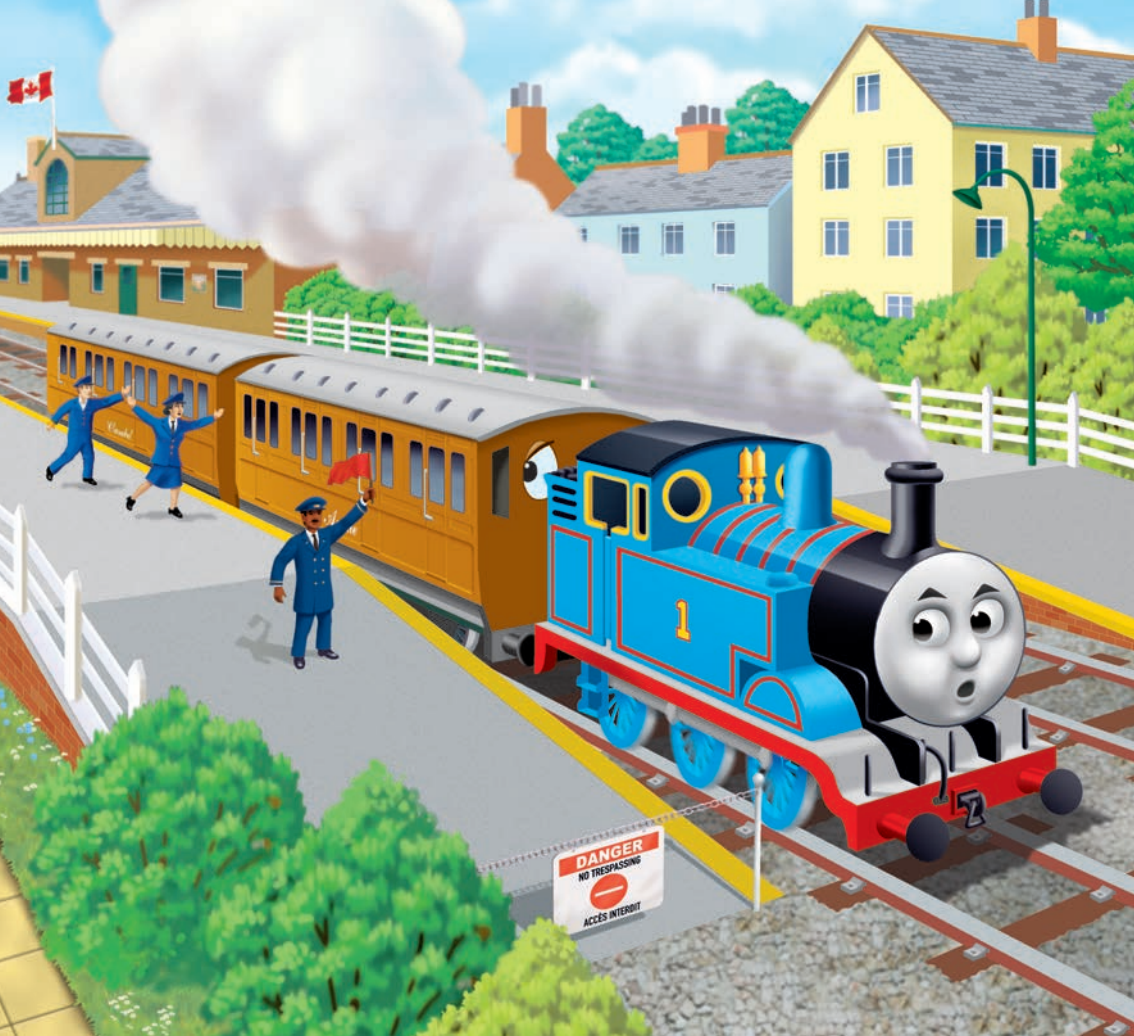


Thomas was going faster than ever before.

He was going so fast that he couldn't stop at the next station – he just whooshed through.

“Slow down!” called the Station Workers.





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When Thomas eventually managed to stop, Sir Topham Hatt was angry.

“What you did today was very dangerous, Thomas,” said Sir Topham Hatt. “It was wrong to encourage Bertie to race. Anyone using the road must stop, look both ways and listen at rail crossings and let the trains pass.”





Then Sir Topham Hatt reminded Thomas about the time a farm gate had been left open. A herd of cows had wandered onto the tracks and it had nearly caused a nasty accident.

“It’s dangerous for animals or people to be on the tracks,” said Sir Topham Hatt. “Trains can’t swerve or stop quickly to avoid hitting something in their path.”





“When you’re at a station,” continued Sir Topham Hatt, “you must watch out for children standing too close to the platform edge and for people who might have dropped something on the tracks.”

“Always tell children to stand back, Thomas,” he continued, “and if anyone drops something on the tracks, they must talk to someone who works at the station and never try to get it themselves.”

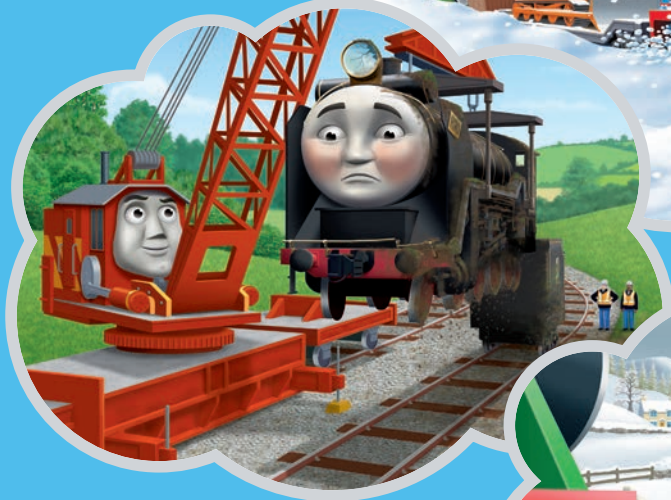




“Keeping everyone safe is a big, important job,” replied Thomas.

“It is,” said Sir Topham Hatt. “But I’m here to help and so are the railway engineers. They work in all kinds of weather to keep the tracks clear and safe for freight and passenger trains.”





As the stars came out and Thomas made his way back to the Engine Sheds, he knew that being safe, and reminding people to stay safe, was the most important thing of all.

“Peep! Peep!” he tooted to the engineers, working through the night to keep the railway running safely.









Do you act safely around tracks and trains? Check the boxes to show that you know how to stay rail-safe.

I don't throw anything onto the tracks

I wait patiently at rail crossings for all trains to pass

I stand back from the platform edge

I don't stop on the tracks at rail crossings

I look in both directions at rail crossings

I stay with my grown-up at the station

I don't pick anything up from the tracks

I don't play on train tracks

I walk carefully on the platform

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