

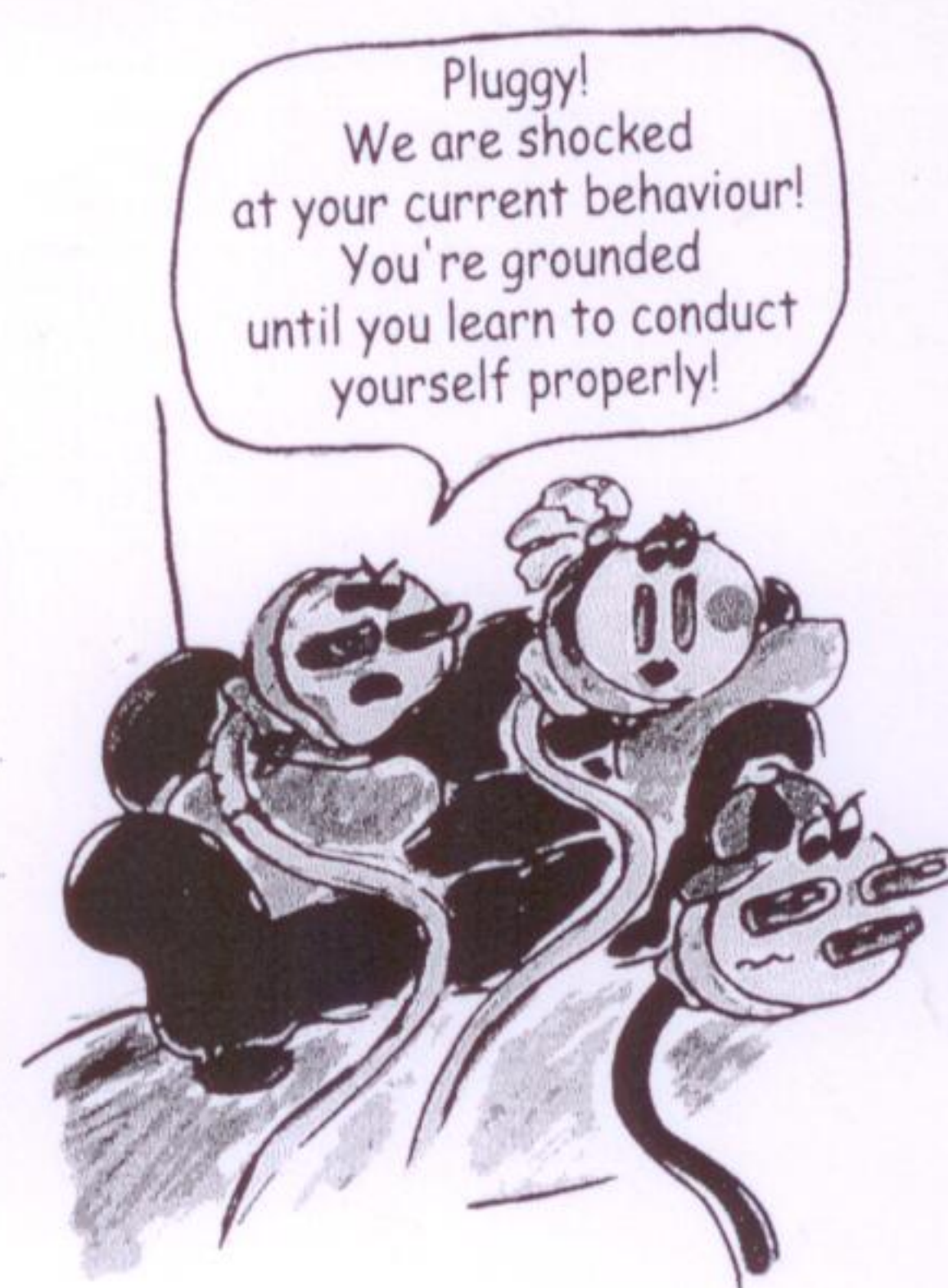
Lead in

Look at the cartoon on the previous page. Is there anything wrong? What shouldn't the man in the bathroom have done? What should he have done instead? What could have gone wrong? Discuss in class. You can use the phrase in the title of the Unit, as well as the following ideas:

water → a good conductor / electric fan working / plug out - unplug

There is no doubt that electricity has revolutionized every aspect of our lives. However, it can cause serious accidents, some of which can be fatal. Thus, it is imperative to be aware of the recommended safety precautions and measures in order to prevent such accidents from happening. In this Unit you will have the chance to learn more about all these issues and, at the same time, become familiarized with the relevant language.

► **Activity 1:** Look at the cartoon on the right titled 'naughty child'. Underline words/phrases in the father's bubble whose meaning differs in every-day situations from that in contexts related to electricity and electrical accidents. Explain the differences in meaning:



► **Activity 2:** Can you describe what is going on in the cartoon? For your description, you are going to need some words like the ones listed below. Do you know what they mean? Do the matching to get some help:

A plug	a) is a device or a point in a wall where you connect electrical equipment to the power supply.
A socket (Br.En.) or: outlet (Am.En.)	b) is a piece of wire covered in plastic or rubber that connects electrical equipment to an electricity supply.
A cord	c) is used to connect a piece of equipment to the electricity supply. It is a small plastic object with two or three metal pins (also called <i>prongs</i>).

Two or three?

► **Activity 3:** Match the sentence halves:

1. Some household appliances come with three-pin (or three-pronged) plugs,	a) would only give you a mild shock.
2. The third pin / prong (the <i>earth pin</i> or <i>ground prong</i>) connects directly to the ground	b) don't require a ground as they don't need much electricity.
3. Appliances with two-pin plugs generally	c) outside a building through a series of wires.
4. As a result, a problem with these appliances	d) whereas others with only two.