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When Houston METRORail began adding new light-rail lines to its system, it embarked on one of the most ambitious public transportation projects ever. With that came the responsibility of teaching children how to be safe around tracks and trains. This book is an important part of that effort. See the video and other safety materials at [gometrorail.org](http://gometrorail.org).

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Open your brain. This is a train!
A safety message from your friends at METRORail.
Open your brain. This is a train!
It’s fun, it’s fast, it’s made to last.

It’s 50 tons of steel and glue, and shiny cars headed right for you.
Open your brain. This is a train!

With rails to feed your need for speed.
Hop on, take a ride, anywhere you want to go.
But there's some stuff you have to know.

So open your brain.
This is a train!
It hardly makes a sound as it travels around town.

Watch for signs! Do what they say. Or you could have a horrible day.
Open your brain. This is a train!

Stay alert, don't be surprised, use your eyes!
Keep away,
stay off the tracks,
and every minute,
watch your back.
Open your brain. This is a train!

Help keep it safe, help keep it fun for everyone.
Don’t mess it up, don’t trash it out.

And please don’t make us have to shout, “Open your brain. This is a train!”
And 1 more thing that you should know before we stop and let you go:

You can beat an egg.
You can beat a drum.

You can walk, you can run, you can spit out your gum.

But don’t ever even try to beat a train.
Open your brain.
This is your train!

All aboooooaaard!
Stay safe around trains by following these rules:

1. Stop, look and listen.
2. These trains are quiet. Stay alert.
3. Only cross tracks at crosswalks, and only when no trains are around.
4. Never play on tracks or platforms, or anywhere near poles or wires.
5. Don’t use headphones or cell phones near the tracks.
7. Never throw anything at trains.

See you on the METRORail!