

What Goes on **IN A TOWN**

*Search, explore, notice
and tell...*

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Our town

Before we start our walk around town, criss-crossing from the square to the housing estate by way of the park, you should meet some folks who look after the town and its people, so helping make life good.



Builders

As you walk, you will notice that our town keeps on growing. This wouldn't be possible without a skilled master builder and his team.

Victor Glover, Mayor

The mayor is the town's most important person. He manages and leads the city. See if you can spot him about town. Could he be right here, on the square?



Refuse collectors



Refuse collectors keep the streets clean by removing rubbish. A banana skin has fallen from a bin. They are looking for it all over town. Will you help them?

Caring paramedics



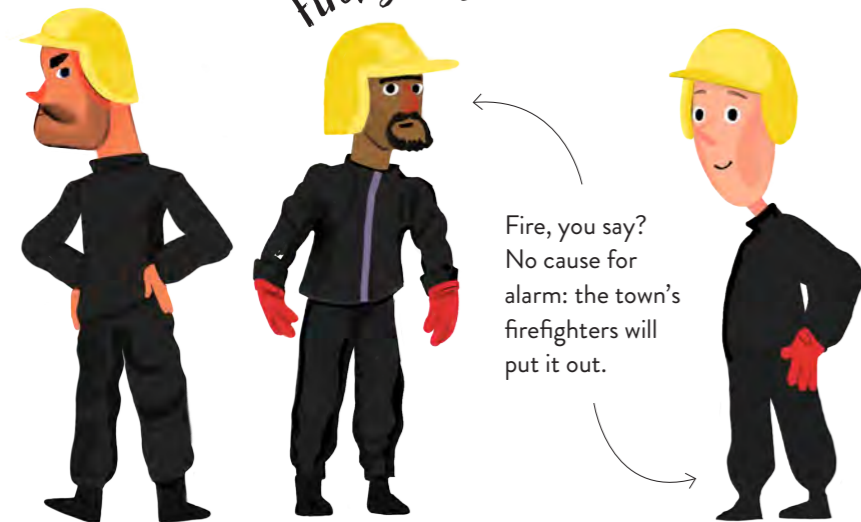
If you break your leg, sprain your ankle or otherwise hurt yourself, our paramedics will be there for you in a jiffy.

Police keep order in the town. Who's that scribbling on a building? Catch him!

Law enforcement



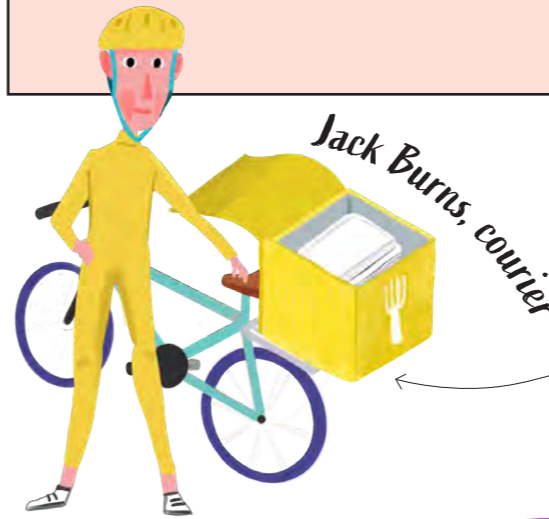
Firefighters



Fire, you say? No cause for alarm: the town's firefighters will put it out.

Can you find us?

Some people will appear on every page. Before you think up a story for each, let's get to know them a little.



Jack Burns, courier

If you want lunch, I'll be with you in no time, even if you live at the other end of town.

Jane Small



Naughty Fifi has run away from me. Will I succeed in catching her?

Philip McCall, Manager



No time to stop, I'm afraid! Will I have my phone to my ear on every page of this book, do you think?

Charles, dog



Woof! Try to find me. I'm everywhere, but I'm hard to see.

Mitzy, cat



Miaow... Where can I hide from you, I wonder?

Vince Merry, chimneysweep



As well as bringing good luck, I clean and check all the chimneys and heaters in town.

Mr Anthony Short



I'm about to propose! I've bought a ring, but I almost lost it at the intersection, and now I'm late. How will my big day turn out?

Andy Finch, graffiti artist



I know I shouldn't scribble on buildings. If the police catch me, I'll stop.

Cecilia, mouse



Eek! I live in your town too. As you will see for yourself.

Mr Alex Grey



I've got a date. Anna and I agreed to meet on the square. But where is she? Could we have missed each other?

Miss Anna Sharp



I've got a date with Alex, so I must fly! But I seem to have lost my way. Trace my steps to find out if I will meet by beloved.

Old town

Towns with a long history have an old part – with narrow streets, old-fashioned houses, magnificent churches, and stone pavements whose centuries-old cobbles have known the footsteps of many a monarch. Old towns attract many visitors from all over the world. Everyone likes to be touched by history.



If you thought the square was busy, in the narrow streets around the Gothic cathedral there is hustle, bustle and chaos. Locals and visitors press against each other: in the old

streets, there is little space to move in. May we pass, please? Look for the chimneysweep. When you find him, grab one of his buttons and make a wish. There's an overworked businessman,

struggling to keep up. Haven't we seen him already? Yes – here again are some of the people from the square. Remember Mitzy the cat, Charles the dog and Cecilia the mouse? Try to

find them. That banana skin is here too. Shouldn't it be in a litter bin rather than on the ground?

Streets

A town has many streets. As you know, some streets are narrow and old. Others are broad, with trees and lots of shops, pavements for pedestrians, and a roadway for motorists and public transportation. Like a square, a street has houses, stores, cafés, offices, and benches for pedestrians with sore feet to sit on. Streets connect different parts of a town, taking its people where they need to go – if the streets don't happen to be dug up.



There isn't much space for rest in this street, either. Because of all the people, but also because the street is being dug up. Hopefully no one will fall into the hole... Watch out, sir!

The chimneysweep wants to sweep a chimney, but there's an animal in his way. Do you know what this animal is called? Perhaps you noticed the food-delivery man on previous pages. He's

stepping on the pedals to get the tasty meal to the customer while it's still warm. What colour are his clothes, helmet and case? Do you know the name of the vehicle that has just stopped

at the traffic island? How many motor vehicles are there in the street? Where do you think the excited-looking kids in the high-visibility vests are headed?

Intersection

A place where several streets come together and cross is called an intersection. Things can get crazy at an intersection, especially when traffic is heavy – which is almost always. So it is necessary to follow all traffic rules to the letter.



Cars honk, engines roar and growl, people bump into each other. A typical intersection. There's a bus full of tourists. Can you remember which parts of town they have already visited?

Are there other familiar figures here, whom you have seen in earlier chapters? There are! Then try and find them all! Do you know what we call the white stripes on the road, and what

they are for? A young girl is running after her dog, who won't be caught. Have you noticed someone being chased by police officers? The chase is easy to spot here at the intersection.

What are you doing, sir? You knocked the book out of my hand! Stop that man! That banana skin is somewhere about, as well as Mitzy the cat, Charles the dog and Cecilia the mouse.

Park

A town has many buildings, cars, buses, trams, roads, concrete streets and crowds of people. As for nature, it has a park – an oasis of peace amid the hustle and bustle. Townspeople go to the park to relax in the greenery. Some exercise or play sports. Others have picnics. The youngest play games. There's room for dogs too. It's fun to be in the park. Let's rest here for a while.



Now that we've reached the park, it's time to relax. We are surrounded by trees, flowers and shrubbery. Where the land is green, there are bound to be animals. This time, forget about

dogs and other pets and try to find animals who live in the park. Do you know what any of them are called? Where did you first see the bride and groom? Can you give the young newlyweds a

surname? Who do you think is the oldest person in the park? Who is the youngest? What do we call the structure with the gushing water? The overworked man sitting at its edge uses

his phone even when he's having lunch. If you're seeing him for the first time, you haven't been paying close attention. Find the chimneysweep, the graffiti artist and the banana skin.

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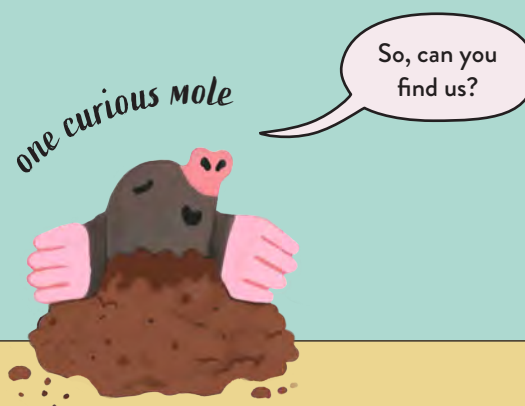
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On hearing the word “town”, we think of squares, streets, shops, cafés, buildings, parks and lots of people – all things that make a town a town. With this large-format book, get to know the basic parts of a town by joining our walk. As a town is all about its people, pay attention to those you meet in its busy streets. Some people appear on every page. Others appear a few times only, or maybe only once. Just like in real life! Follow in the footsteps of your new friends. Where are they headed? Who are they about to meet, and why? What is their story? Also, try to find Charles the dog, Mitzy the cat, Cecilia the mouse and a discarded banana skin on every page. We know you’re going to have fun! If you wish, you can delve deeper by looking at the town’s buildings, the jobs its people do, its transportation and signs, and all its (human and animal) inhabitants, and think up little stories for each. There’s so much going on in this picture-book town! Why not get started straight away?

Still want more? Then go through the streets again and search for
a lost-and-found tennis ball and an inquisitive mole.

If you look closely, you will see them on every page.



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