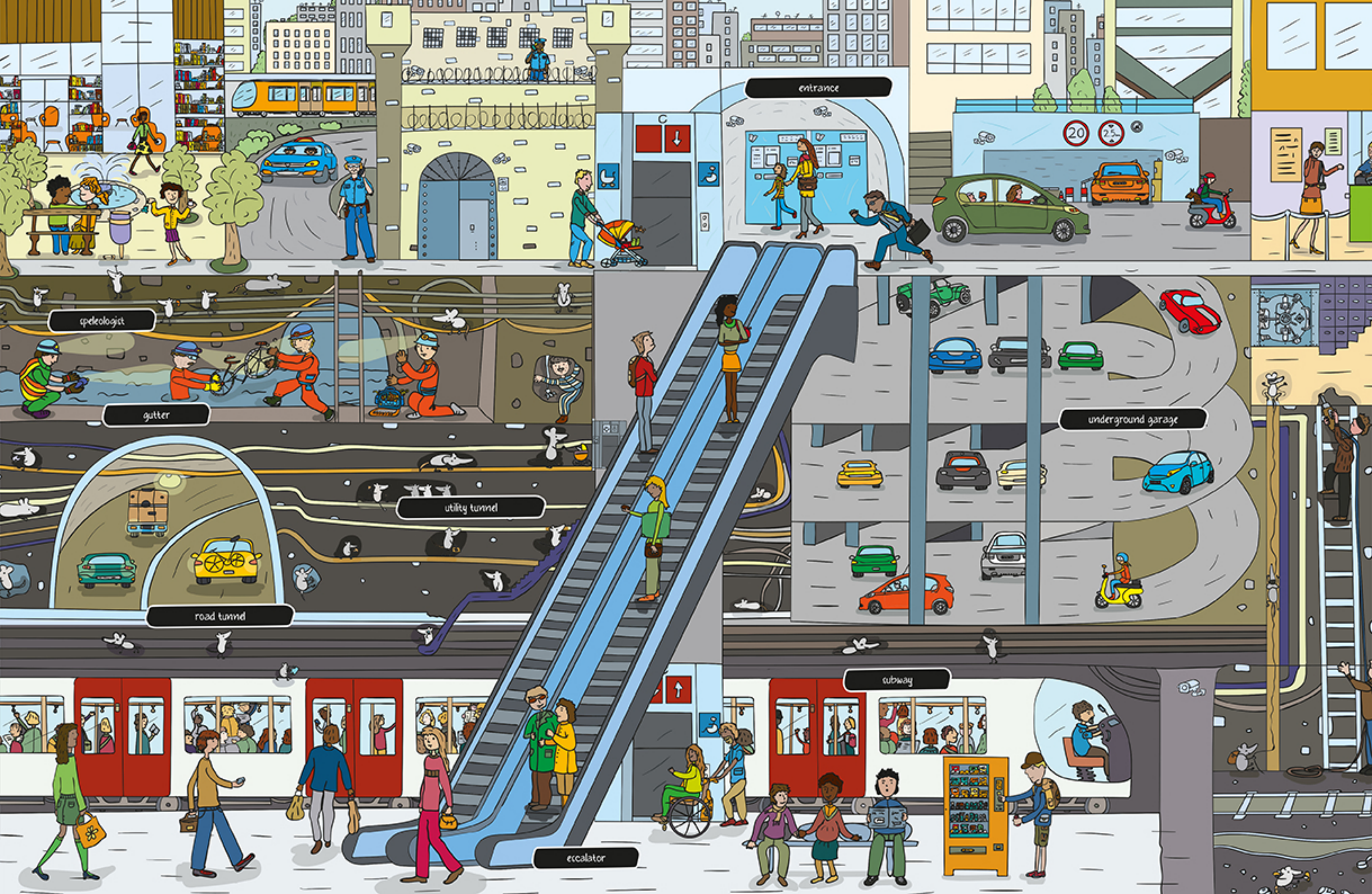


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LIFE UNDERGROUND



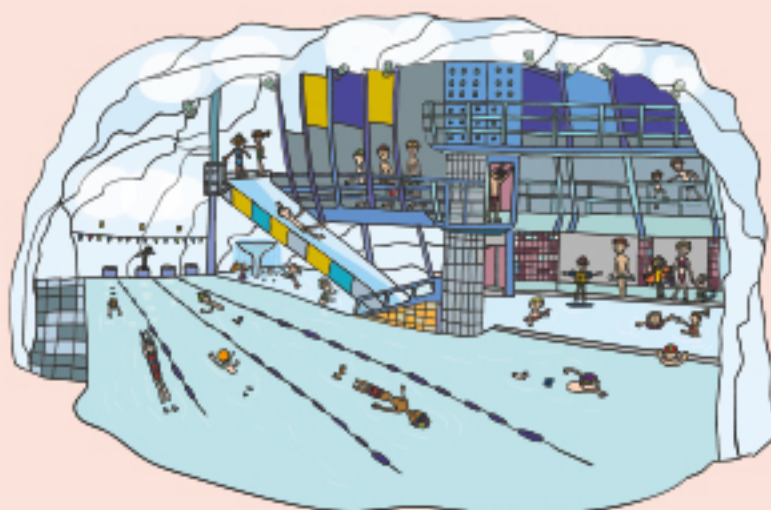
Metro, garages, warehouses and storage facilities, waste-water treatment plants, sports venues, shops, meeting places – if you care to look underground, you'll find all this and a great deal more.

FLYING THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND WORLD

Japan has the longest tradition of building underground shopping centres. The first such places were built in Osaka in 1975. These now contain 1000 shops and restaurants. Just imagine! Norway boasts an underground Olympic hockey hall, which includes a proper fitness centre, gymnasium and swimming pool.

UNDERGROUND IS IN FASHION

There is ever less available space on the surface of cities, and we can't continue to build upwards forever. What other choices do we have? That's right – we go **underground**. Under the ground we find complexes of garages, museums, libraries, even sports and shopping centres. Cool, isn't it? Come on, let's go shopping underground!



ART AND ECOLOGY UNDERGROUND

There are also underground churches, museums and libraries. Can you imagine a better place for reading or looking at works of art? **Ecology** – one reason why underground is so fashionable. Underground buildings make an important contribution to environmental protection.

CHEAPLY AND COMFORTABLY

Not only public buildings are found underground – there's private housing there too! I know exactly what you must be saying: Prehistoric hunters had nothing but caves to live in. Well, they would hardly have been in a position to build villas with swimming pools, would they? Today, too, there are people who live in caves deep in the ground.

cave in prehistory



cave now

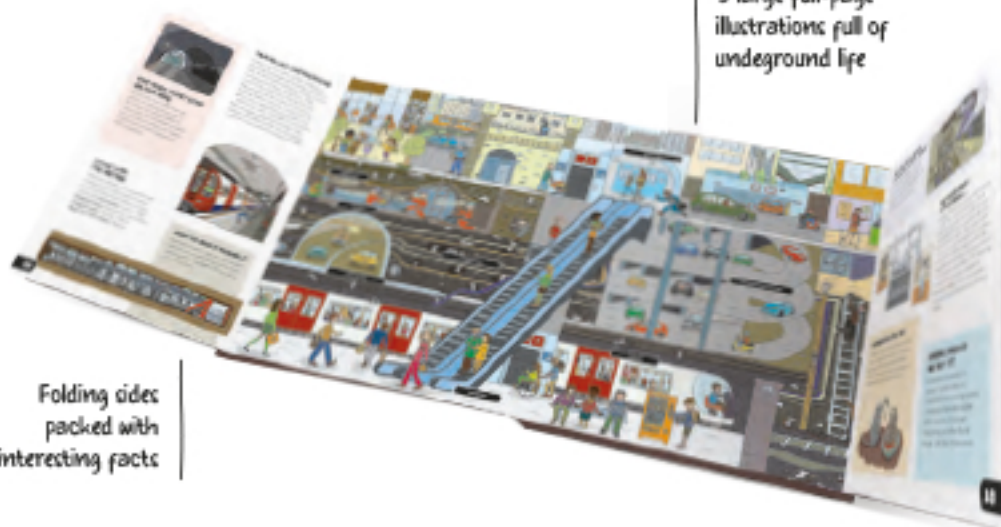
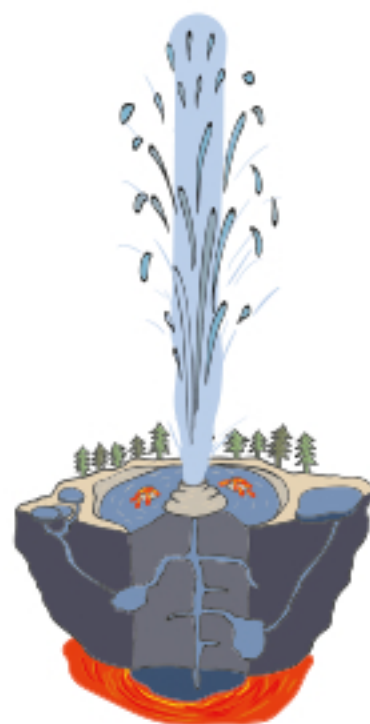


THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH HOUSING?

The minimal costs of building work and materials and a constant inside temperature with no great expenditure on heating or cooling. You'd be mad not to go for it ...

A BIG BOOK OF THE UNDERGROUND

If you think that underground is just pitch-black soil with no sign of life, you should think again. All kinds of things go on there! Roots feed plants, moles hunt worms, worms flee from moles, carbon forms coal, miners work and extract what we need. People park and shop, athletes train and swim, art-lovers study pictures. I'm not making this up, you know! There's nothing dull about life underground, never has been and never will be. If you don't believe me, you should go down there with me . . . all the way to the very core. But will you be brave enough? Besides, there's a danger that you'll like it so much, you won't want to come back up. The delightful illustrations, system of fold-out flaps and details of life beneath our feet are enough to make your head spin. Do be careful not to get your hands mucky!



Folding sides
packed with
interesting facts


5 large full-page
illustrations full of
underground life

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