

# CITY FROM A SPARROW'S EYE VIEW

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# HOUSING ESTATE

"Blimey, what kind of fashion is that?" wondered Grandma Sparrow when she saw the differently tall, wide, long, and narrow colourful houses with many windows and balconies. What a veritable forest of buildings.

## ON FOOT OR BY BUS?

When people from housing estates set out for the city centre they can go... on foot; no problem, if it's not too far. Bicycles or scooters are also a good choice. Those who like to ride around in peace commute to work by buses or trams.

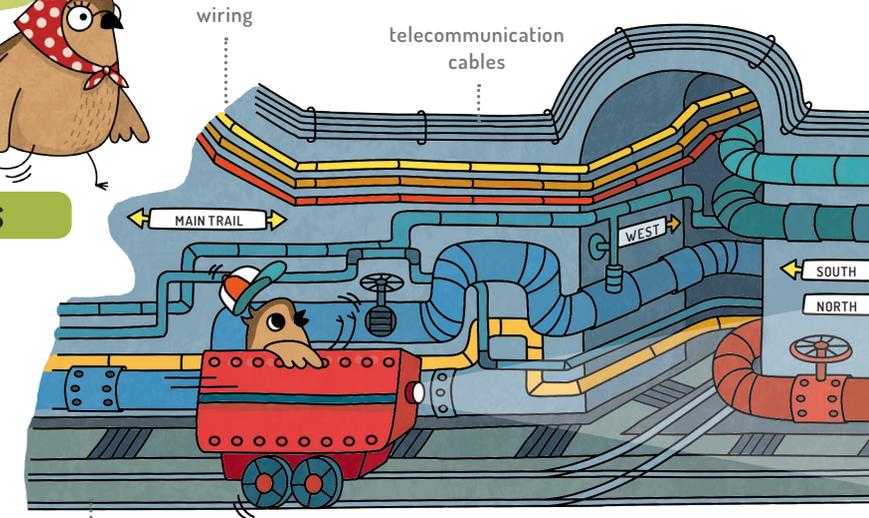


## FOR THE KIDS AND MUMS

In a way, housing estates are a city in and of themselves. Children can go to school or nursery school there and spend their afternoons in playgrounds. For their part, mummies have stores nearby their houses, sometimes even department stores where they can merrily purchase anything they need or desire.

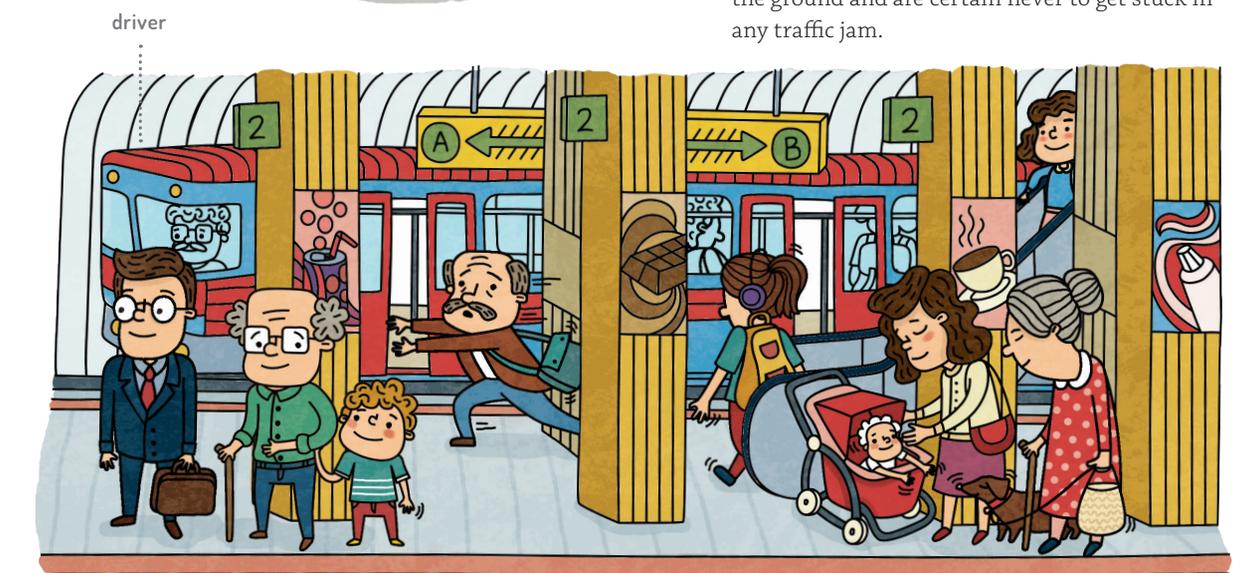
## COLLECTORS

There are other things under the city besides rapid transit or medieval passages and dungeons. You can find an entire collector network down there. What are collectors? They're the tunnels under the city surface. They contain the cable distribution system, telecommunication network, or pneumatic tube post.



## TRAMS AND UNDERGROUND

Trams ride on rails and are powered by electricity. Some cities also have rapid transit: metro. Metro carriages are nicely stacked under the ground and are certain never to get stuck in any traffic jam.



# 3 BOULEVARD

What a beautiful sight! A wide street, luxury stores, cafés, and avenues of green trees planted in several rows. These urban spaces are called a boulevard.

## FORTIFICATIONS

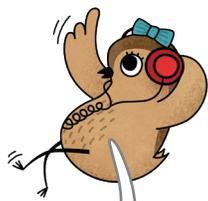
Boulevards pop up in places where city fortifications used to stand before they were deemed to be no longer necessary.

## SPATIOUS ENOUGH

These are the largest streets a city has, with wide pavements for pedestrians, bicycling spaces designated by traffic lanes, and relatively heavy traffic. And tree avenues as well. After all, greenery is vital just about anywhere.

## CELEBRITIES SHOPPING

Yes, yes... the most luxury, expensive, branded stores are definitely a part of boulevards. Sometimes you can even see a real movie star exit them!

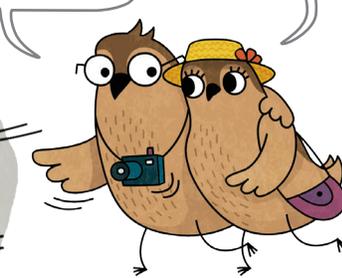


THERE'S ALWAYS A COOL GIRL ON THE BOULEVARD!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, HONEY?

DARLING, IT'S AMAZING!



## CROSSROADS

A crossroads is a place where roads and streets cross and intersect. In this case, our boulevard crosses a city avenue. City avenues are big streets as well, but not as big as boulevards. Trams ride on them and drivers can park merrily without worry. Well, merrily... assuming they can find a free spot.

## BUILDINGS

Apart from trees, boulevards are decorated with historical tenement houses, sometimes with a theatre and cinema building or a huge bank. What is definitely typical for a boulevard, though, is heavy traffic.

## ON BIKE OR ON FOOT

Don't you think it would be a better idea to get on a bike? Plus! There are public bicycles parked all around the city; all you need to do is pay a small fee, mount the bike, and voilà! You can go wherever you need at the moment.

## PATHS AND STREETS

Apart from big boulevards and vast city avenues, the city is crisscrossed by the paths of differently wide and long streets or alleyways – new modern ones as well as those that are crooked and with many nooks.

## PEDESTRIANS FIRST

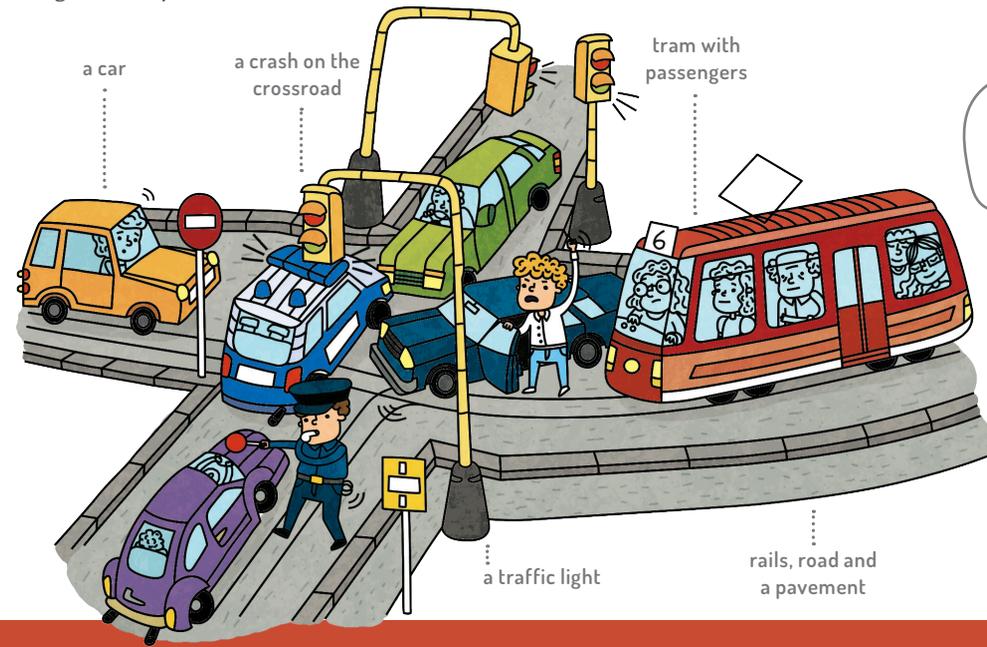
There's also no lack of pedestrian precincts; they are such city spaces where pedestrians play first fiddle. The exception proves the rule, though, and so vehicles supplying the stores located in pedestrian precincts can stay for a while.



MAY I HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE, PLEASE?

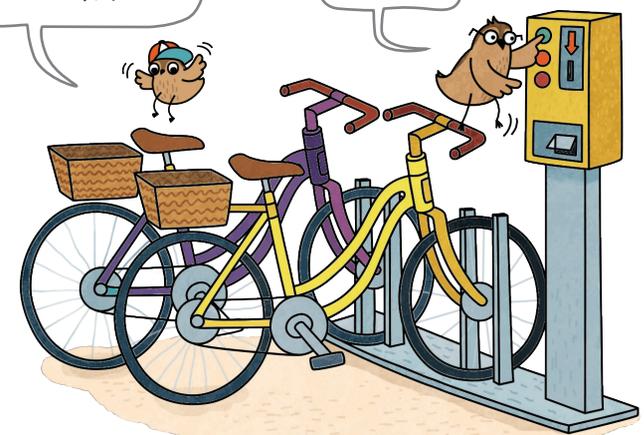


A Sparrow family really loved the boulevard! Mummy was amazed by all the fashion stores, Daddy by the architecture, Grandma enjoyed the coffee, Girl spotted celebrities. Boy admired the policeman, who took care of the traffic jam.



MY WINGS HURT, WHY DON'T WE RIDE A BIKE?

I'M WORKING ON IT!





HELLO THERE!  
COME WITH ME  
TO THE CITY.



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EXPLORE  
THE CITY

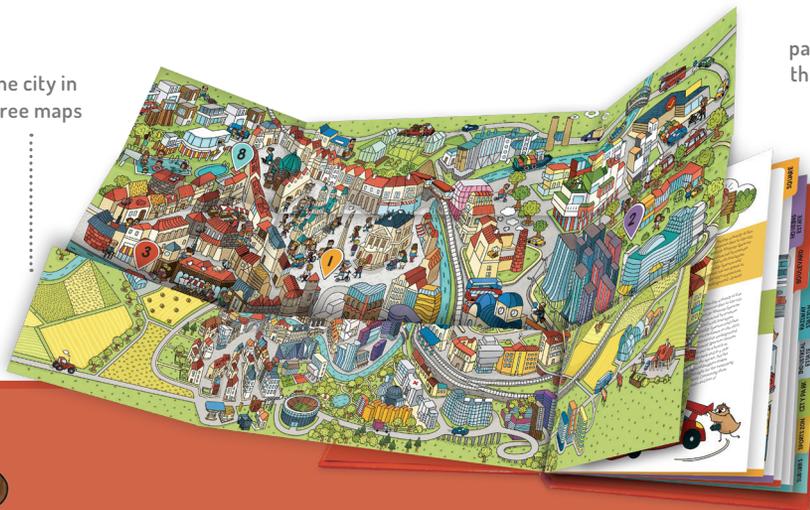
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One day, a family of five sparrows flies to the city. While Mummy Sparrow is attracted by avenues filled with boutiques, Daddy Sparrow and their son are drawn to the city's mysterious underground. Granny Sparrow chooses to rest on a bench in the park and in a café on the square, but her granddaughter makes straight for the swimming pool. Containing three maps and lots of information on what makes up a city, this book is sure to please all young readers and their parents. Would you like to travel the length and breadth of a city? Then join the Sparrow family. Just be careful not to get lost!



one city in  
three maps



parts of  
the city



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