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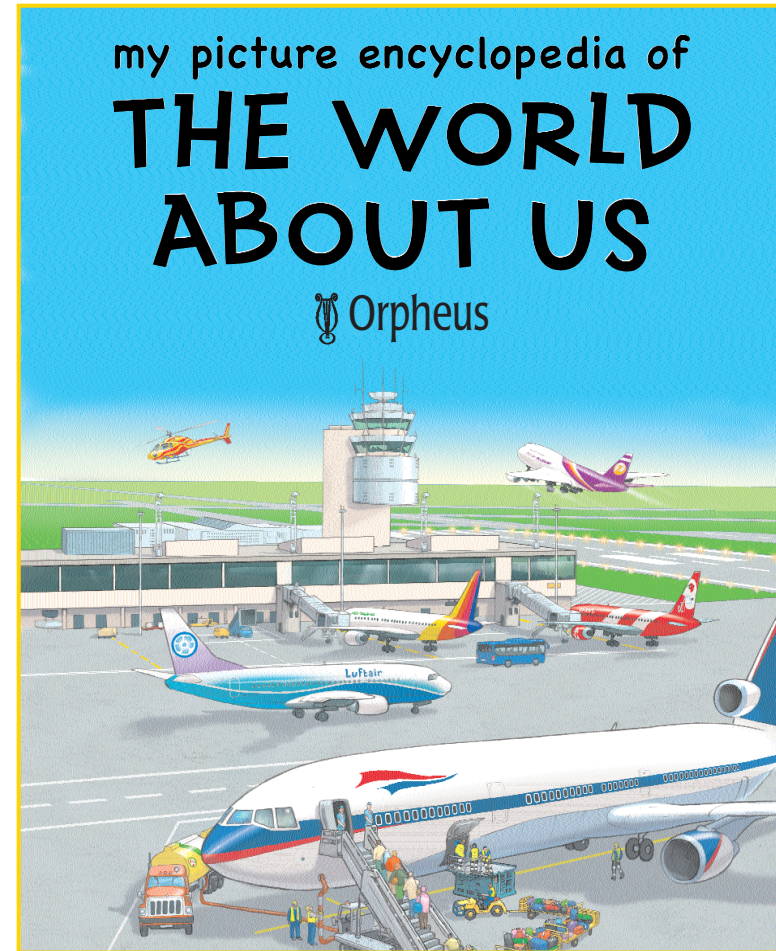
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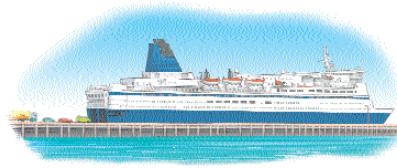


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Introduction



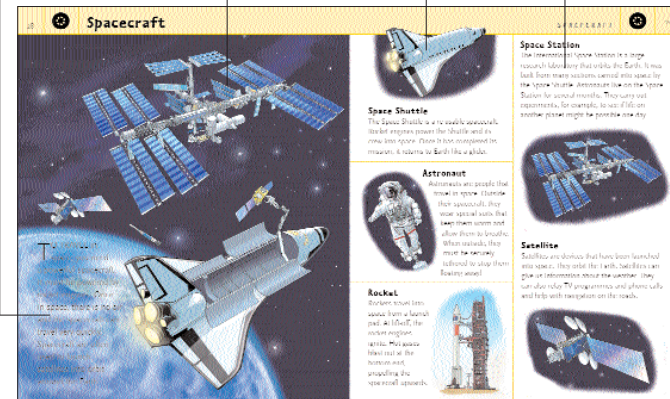
IN THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA, you will find out about some places where there is always something happening: a city street, a building site or a railway station, for example. And if you are planning a trip by plane—or even by spacecraft—you will find the book especially useful.

Each subject is presented with an introductory text to explain what it is about.

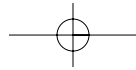
There are lots of things to see in the main illustration that accompanies each subject

Most (but not all) of the items pictured can be found somewhere in the main illustration.

The text that accompanies each item explains what it is and provides more information about it.



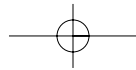
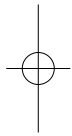
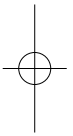
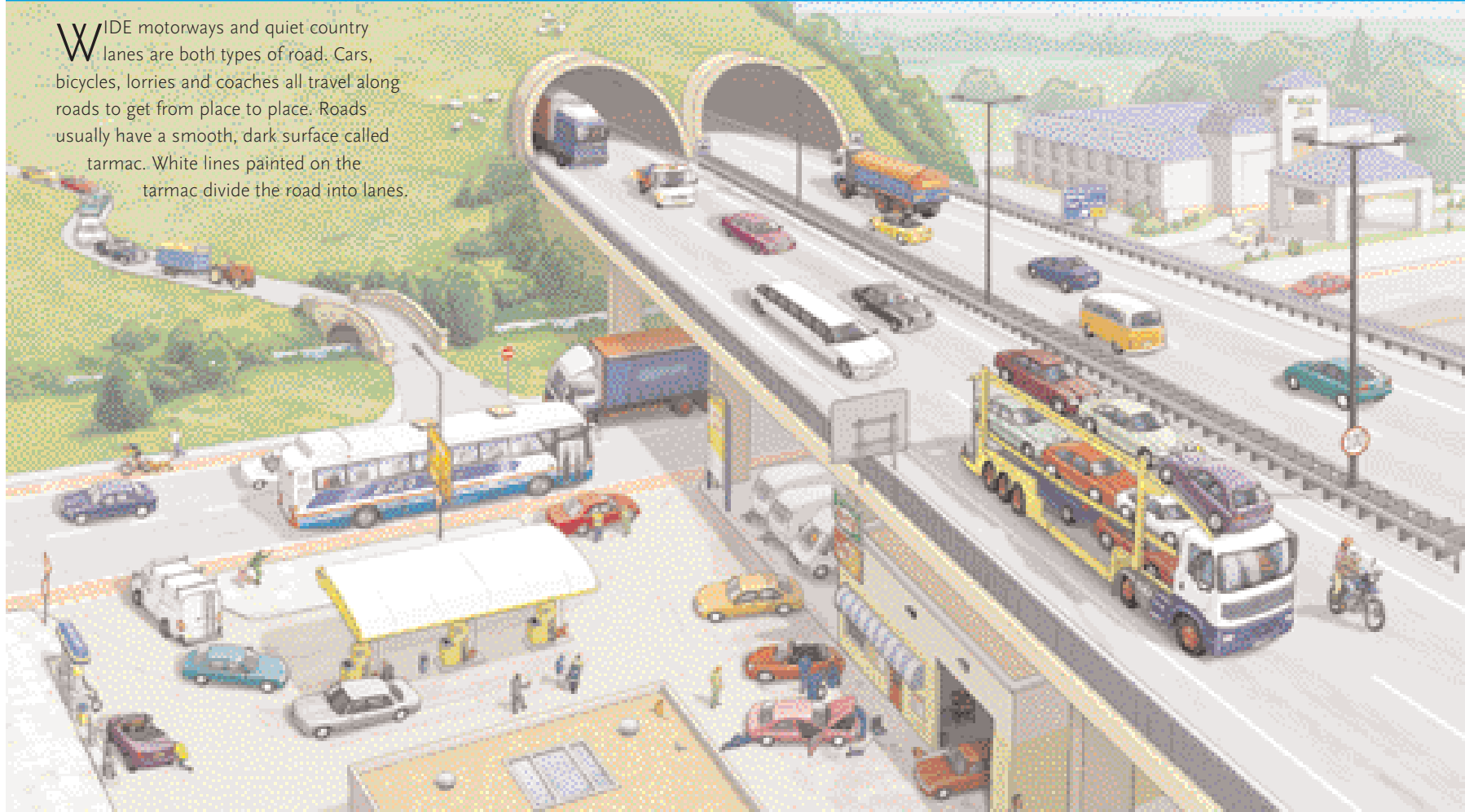
If you look very carefully, you will find a tiny teddy bear in each of the main illustrations in this book. Turn to page 31 to find out where they are hidden.



Road transport



WIDE motorways and quiet country lanes are both types of road. Cars, bicycles, lorries and coaches all travel along roads to get from place to place. Roads usually have a smooth, dark surface called tarmac. White lines painted on the tarmac divide the road into lanes.





About road vehicles



Car

A car is a small vehicle which is powered by an engine. Saloon cars have a separate boot for luggage. Hatchbacks have a luggage space behind the back seat and a door at the back.



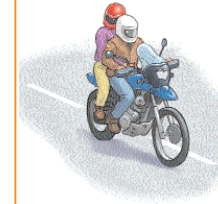
Tractor

Tractors are used on farms, to plough fields or to tow other farming equipment. They have huge wheels with good grip so that they can drive across muddy ground.



Petrol station

All motor vehicles need fuel (petrol or diesel) to run. Drivers can fill up their fuel tanks at the petrol station. The driver puts the nozzle from the pump into the opening of the fuel tank and squeezes the trigger. They then pay for the fuel in the shop.



Motorbike

Motorbikes are two-wheeled vehicles that are powered by an engine. Riders must wear helmets to protect their heads if they have an accident.

Bicycle

Bicycles are not powered by engines. Instead, the rider pushes the pedals with his or her feet to make the wheels turn. Bicycles are made from hollow metal tubes and air-filled tyres. Cycle lanes on roads keep them apart from larger vehicles.



Coach

Coaches are designed to carry lots of people on long journeys. The passengers' luggage is carried in compartments under the seating area.



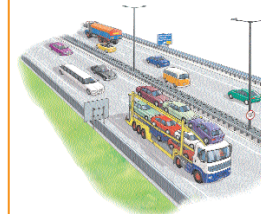
Tunnel

A tunnel is an underground passage. Tunnels carry roads or railways beneath city streets or through hills or mountains.



Lorry

A lorry is a very large vehicle that carries cargo—anything from furniture to food. Some lorries have two parts. The front part has the cab where the driver sits and the engine, called the tractor unit. The rear part is where the cargo is stored. This is called the trailer. Lorries like this are called articulated lorries.



Motorway

A motorway is a very wide road with at least two lanes of traffic so that vehicles can overtake each other safely. They are built as straight as possible. Traffic is permitted to go faster on motorways than on ordinary roads. Motorways run between big cities and may stretch for hundreds of kilometres.

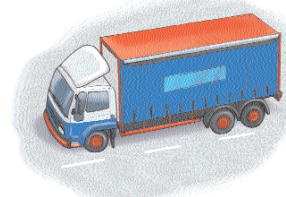
Taxi

Taxis are cars that take passengers wherever they wish to go—usually somewhere else in a town or city, such as the station or airport. A meter inside the taxi keeps track of how much the passengers should pay the driver at the end of the journey.



Breakdown vehicle

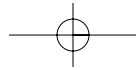
Breakdown vehicles are powerful trucks that are used to tow other vehicles that have broken down. A tow-rope is attached to the front of the vehicle and winches it up so that its front wheels are clear of the road. The truck pulls it along to the repair garage.



Bridge

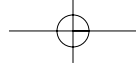
A bridge is a structure that carries a path, a road or a railway across a valley, a wide river or another road or railway. Bridges can be made from stone, wood or metal. Some bridges are supported by arches. Large suspension bridges are held up by steel cables that hang between towers.

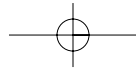




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TOWNS and cities are places where people live and work. Shops, offices, apartments, theatres and cinemas are found in the city centre. Outside the centre are the suburbs, where there are houses and schools.





About a city



Market

Many towns and cities have open squares where markets are held. Here people can set up stalls and sell food, clothes and other goods.

In smaller towns markets are often held on one particular day.



Stadium

Some sporting contests are held in stadiums: for example, football and athletics. Sloping banks of seats circle the pitch or track. Powerful lights allow the matches to be played in the evenings.



Office building

Many people work in offices. Huge buildings like this are often specially built. Inside, the rooms are full of people busy working at their desks.



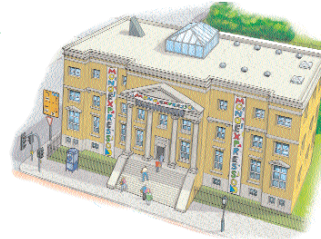
Hotel

People stay in hotels when they are on holiday, or on business trips. Large hotels have comfortable rooms on several floors. There are lifts, bars and restaurants. Some hotels also have their own shops and swimming pools.



Museum

Museums are buildings where there are interesting objects on display. These may include statues, paintings, pots, old bones, historic vehicles, maps and many other things. Some museums tell you about your own town and exhibit things found nearby.



Theatre

Theatres are buildings where actors perform plays. Inside the building is a stage facing rows of seats, sometimes on more than one level. People buy tickets from the box office, inside the entrance.



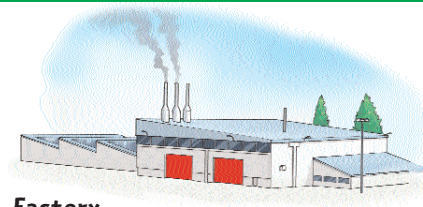
Park

Parks are green spaces where people can relax away from the noise of the city. Many parks also have swings and slides for children to play on.



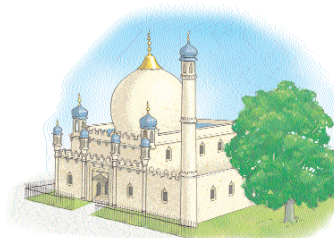
Factory

Factories are large buildings where goods are produced in large numbers, using special machinery such as robots and conveyor belts.



Mosque

Muslims pray at their local mosque up to five times a day. The leader of the prayer faces in the direction of the Muslim holy city, Makkah. Mosques may have a dome and towers, called minarets.



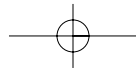
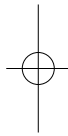
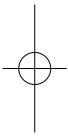
Church

Christians worship in church. Many churches have a tall spires or a dome at the top of a tower. Old churches sometimes have beautiful stained glass windows with pictures of people or stories from the Bible. During a church service, people sit on wooden benches, called pews.



Supermarket

People can buy food, clothes and many other goods at the supermarket. There is usually a large car park outside, so it is easy for shoppers to wheel their trolleys to and from their cars.





A CITY is usually a maze of streets. Some are wide and busy with noisy traffic. Others are narrow, with just pedestrians walking along. There is always something happening on the street. Here, a bus has collided with a car. A police car, fire engine and ambulance are quickly on the scene, but nobody is hurt!