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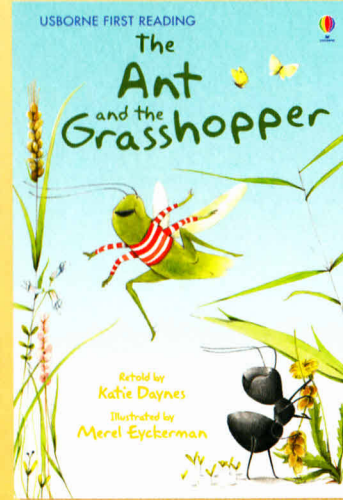
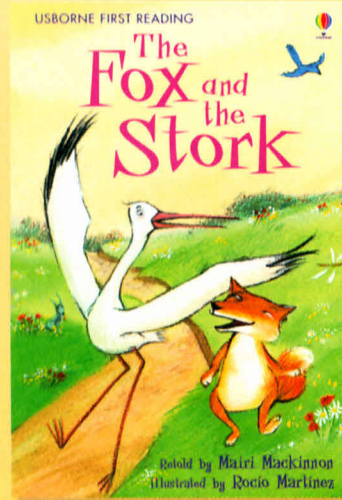
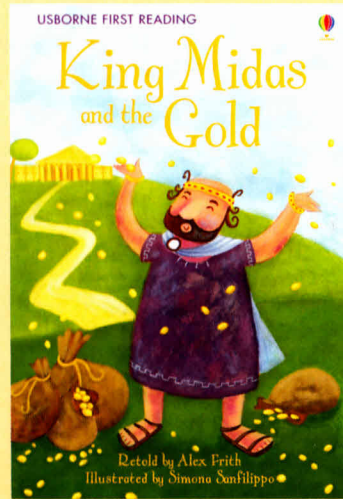
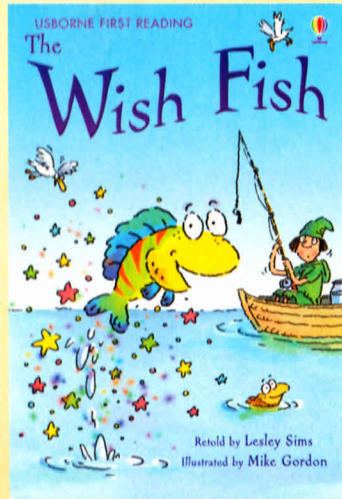


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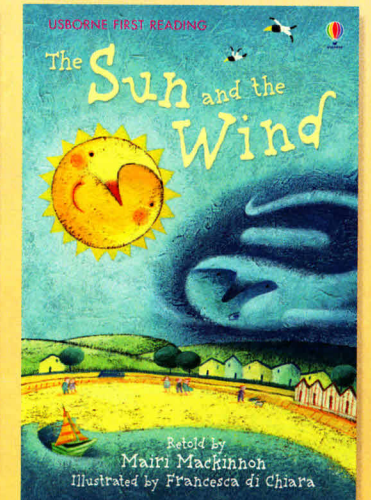
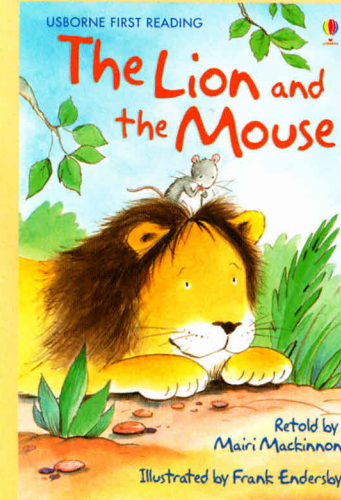
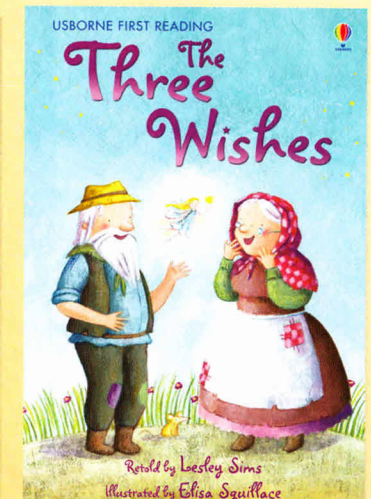
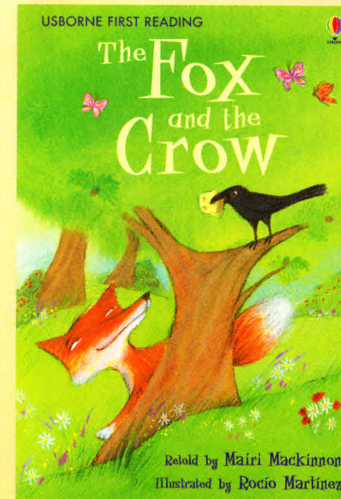


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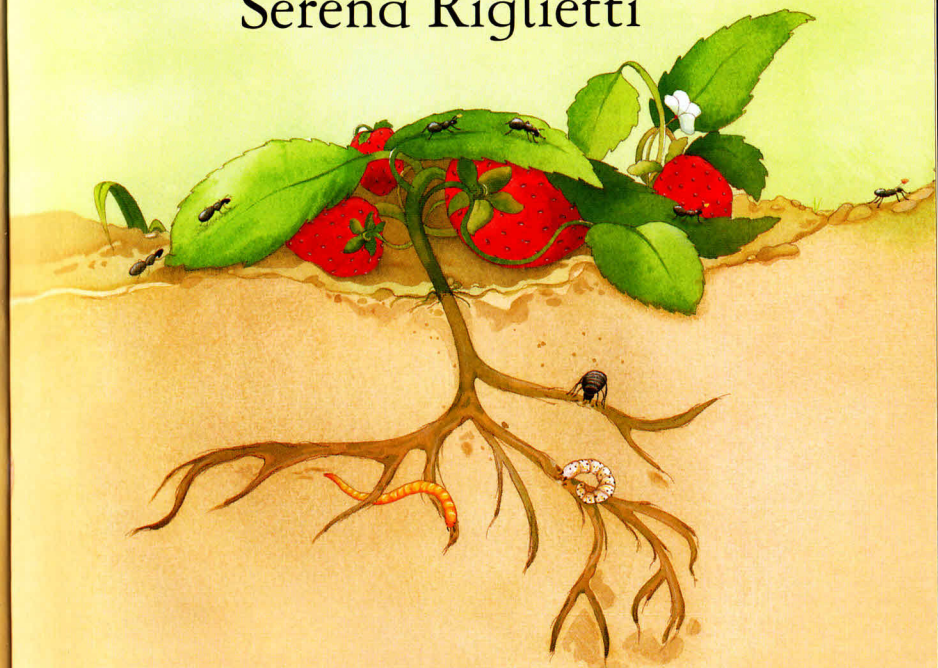
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Under the Ground

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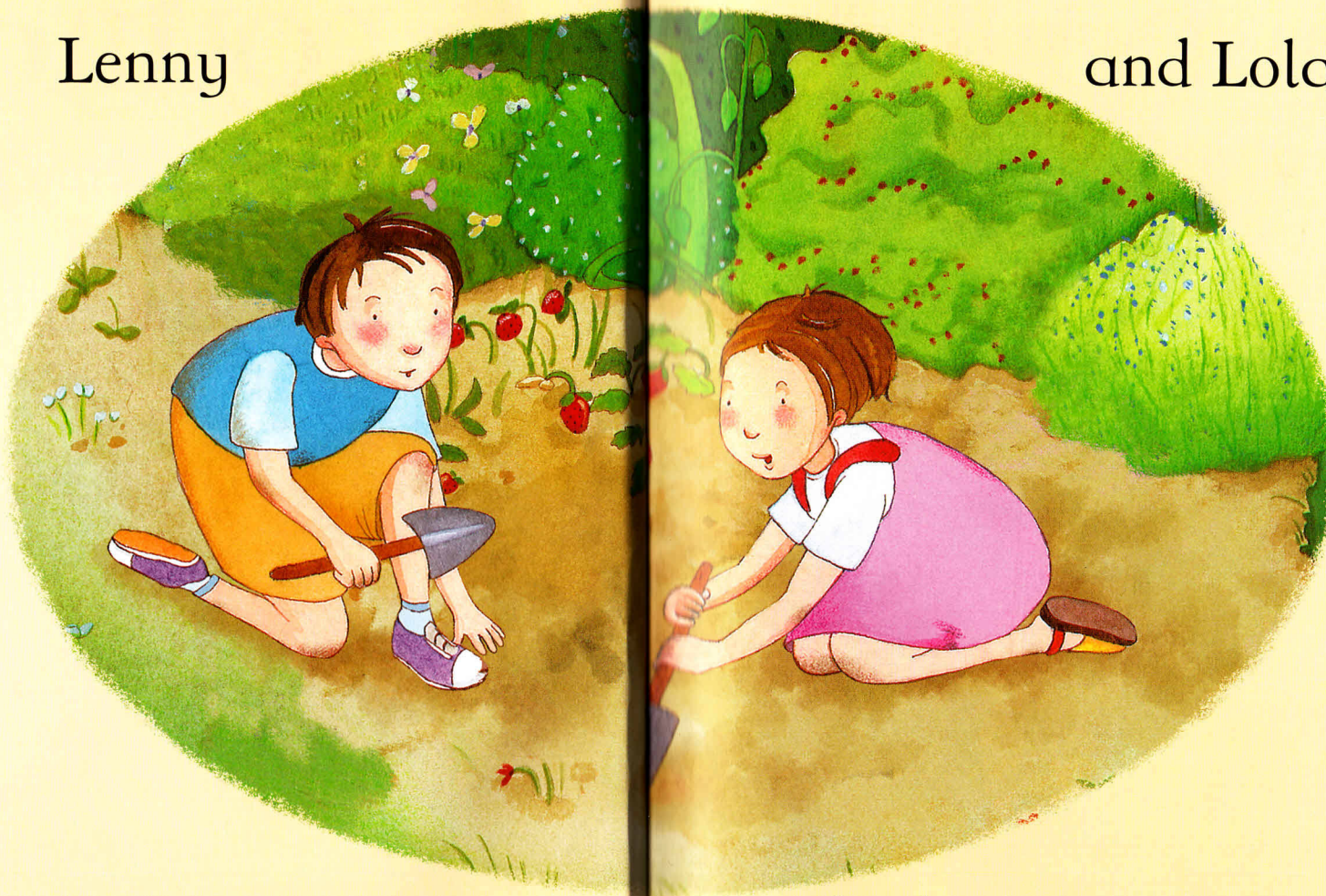


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This story is about

Lenny

and Lola



and what they find
under the ground.

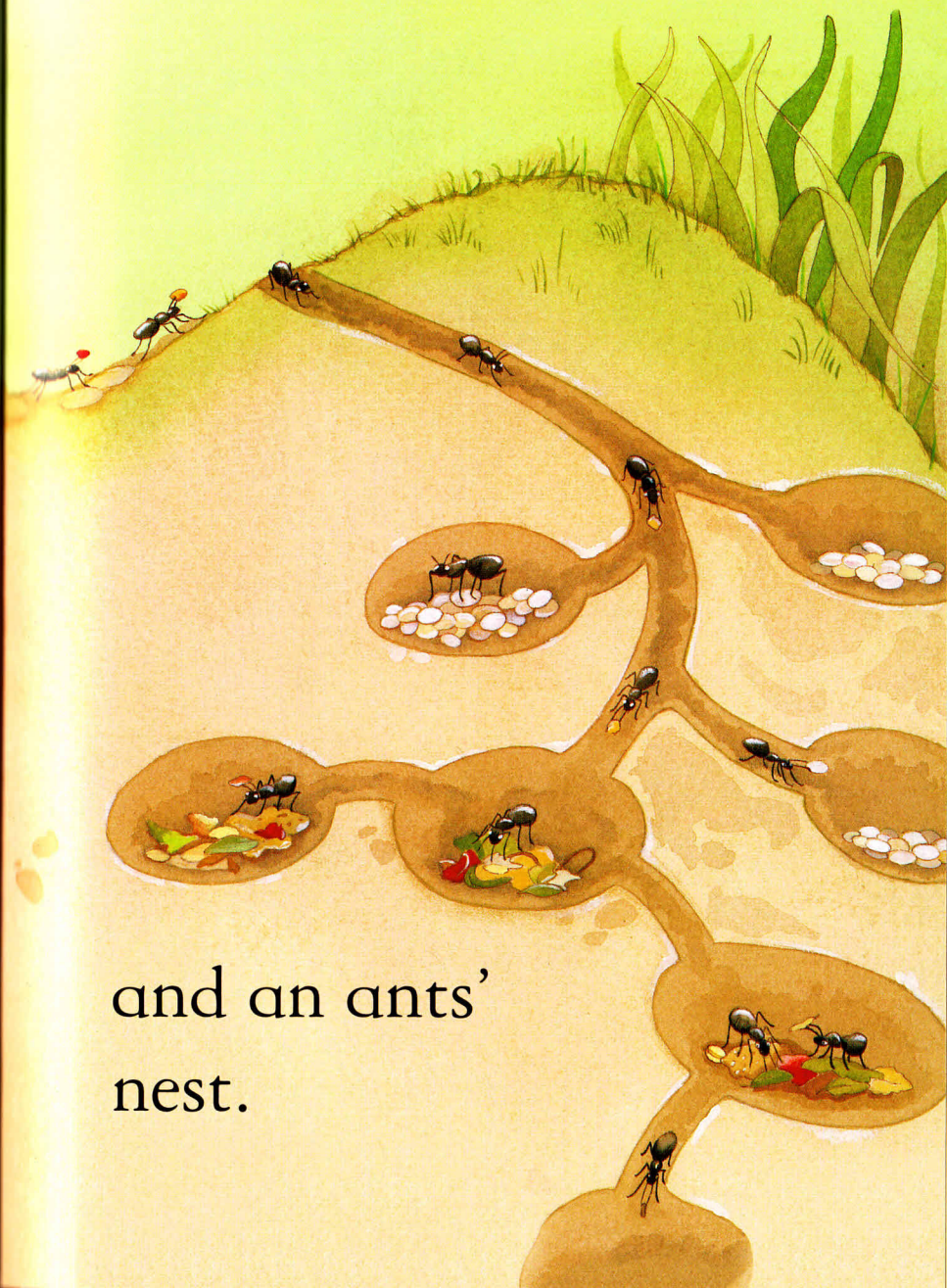
“What’s under the ground?” asks Lenny.



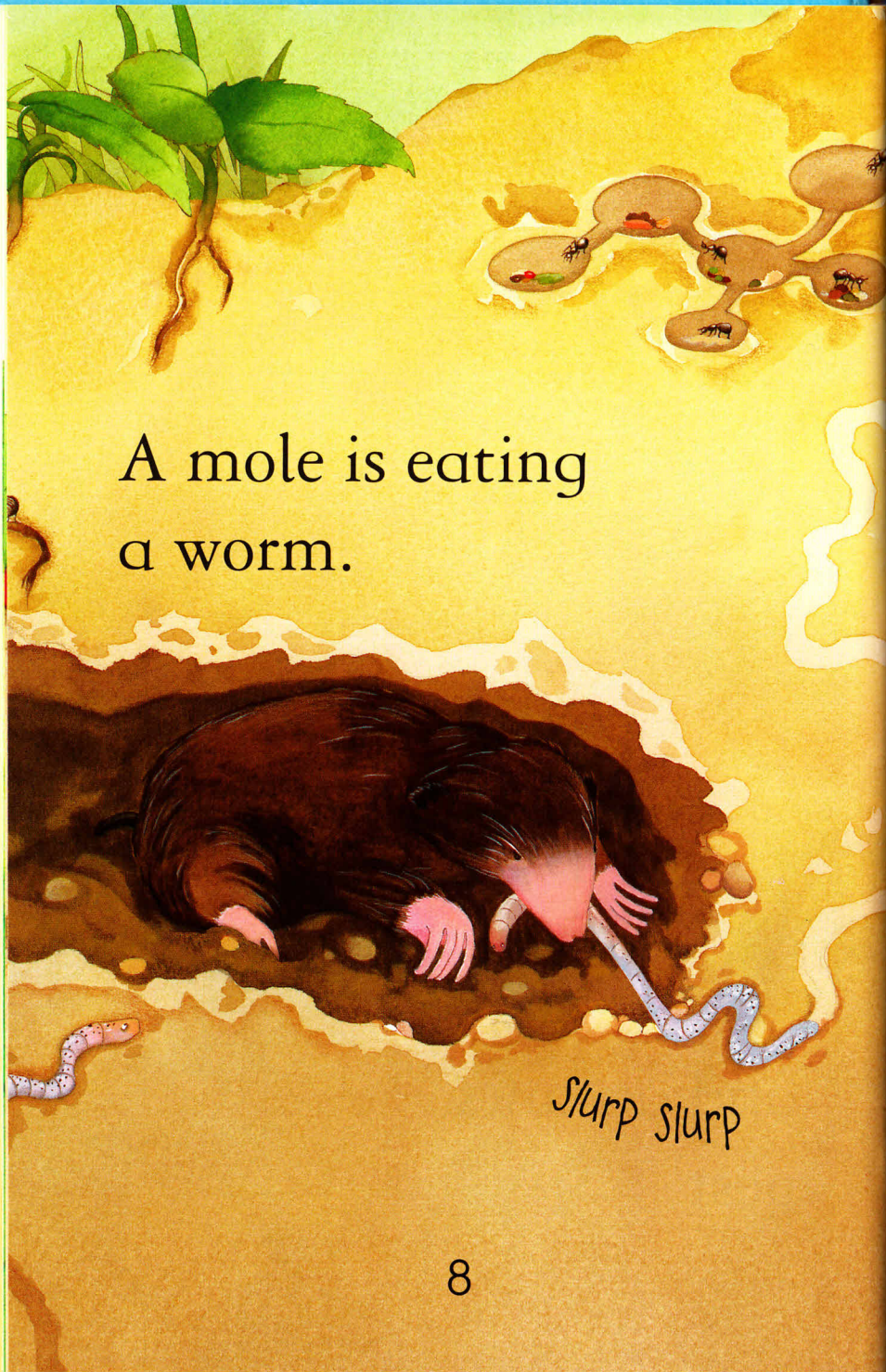
Let's dig down
and see.



First they find
plant roots



and an ants'
nest.

An illustration of a mole in a burrow. The mole is dark brown with pinkish-red hands and feet. It is shown from the side, with its long snout reaching down to eat a long, pink and white worm. The burrow is a dark, tunnel-like space. Above the mole, the ground is yellowish-brown. In the top left corner, there are green leaves and roots. In the top right, there are several small, oval-shaped chambers connected by a line, each containing a small insect. The text "A mole is eating a worm." is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

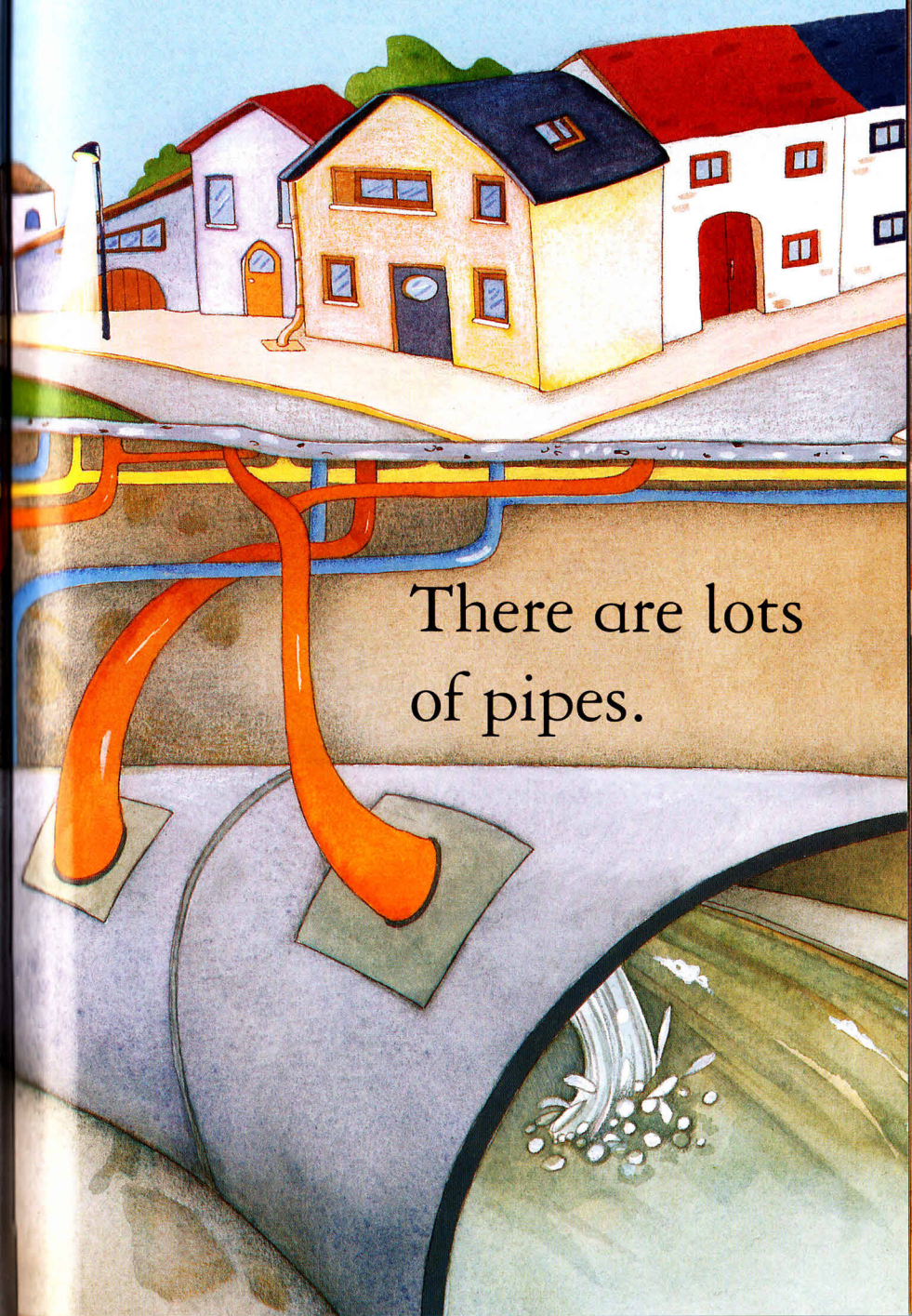
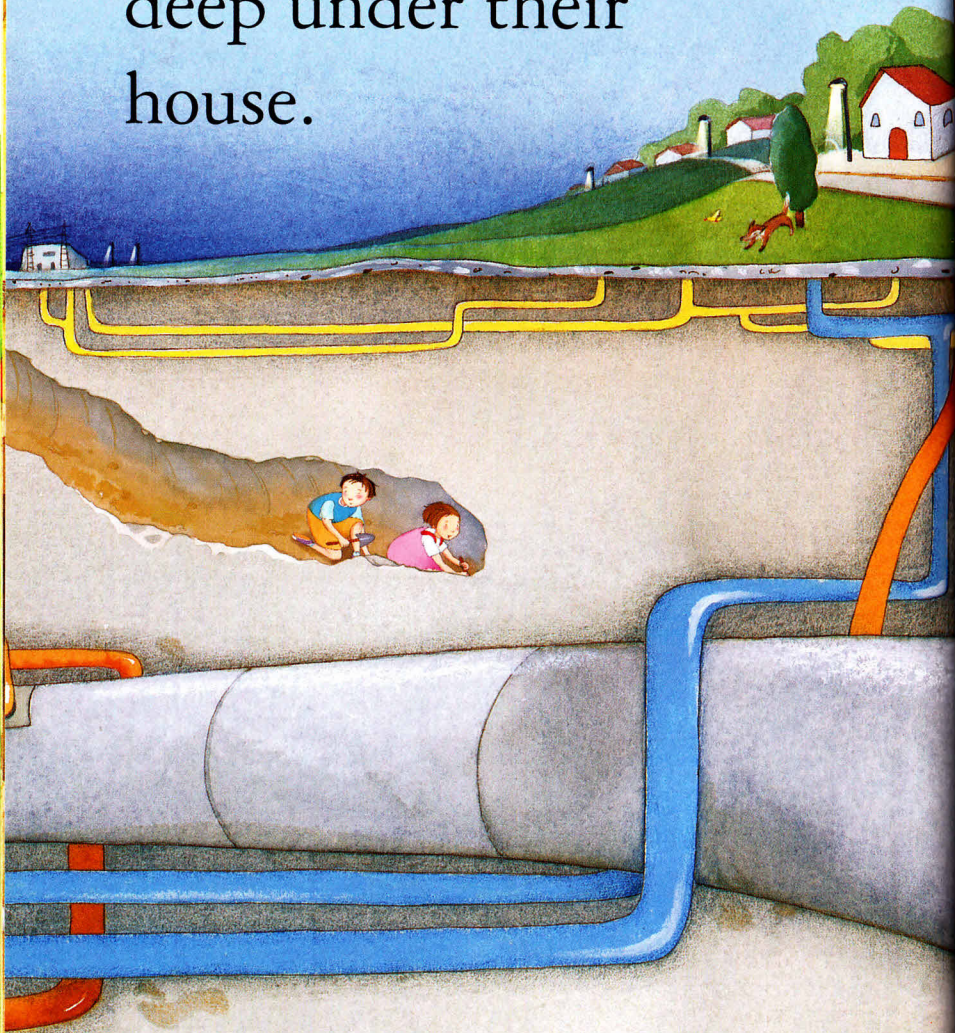
A mole is eating
a worm.

Slurp slurp

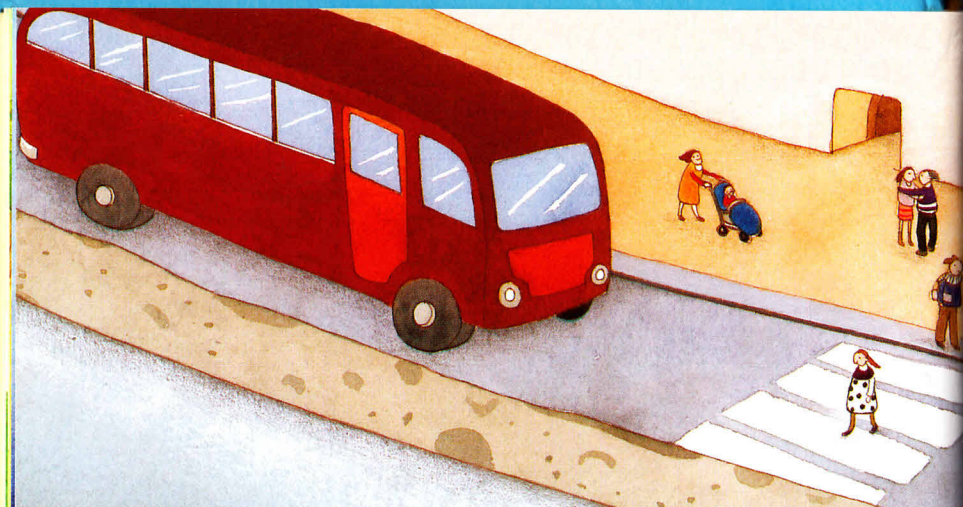


Rabbits snuggle
in their burrow.

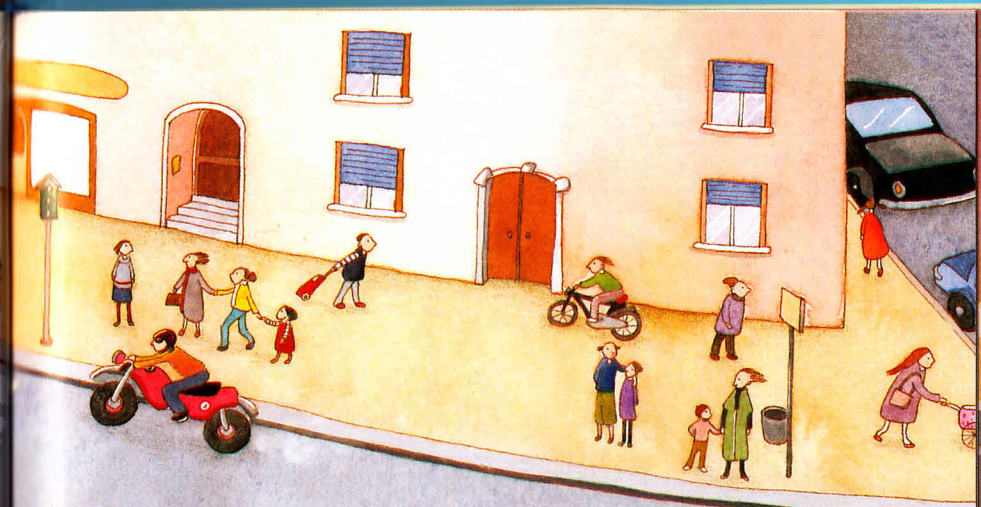
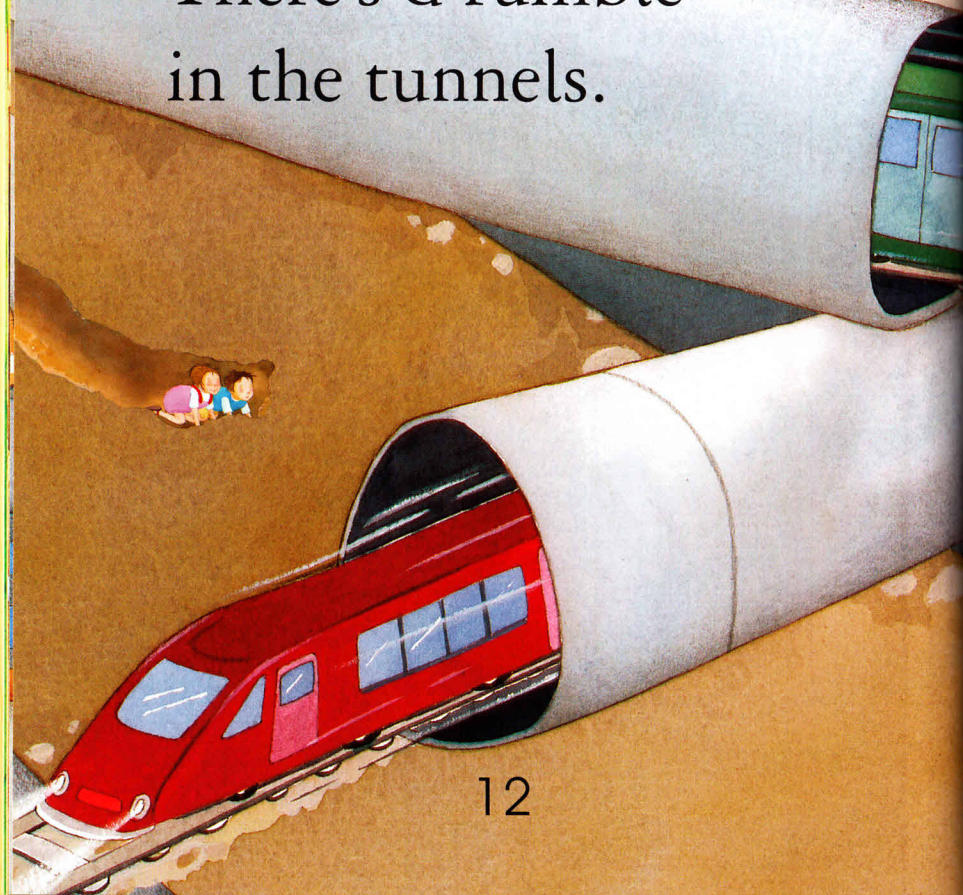
Lenny and Lola dig
deep under their
house.



There are lots
of pipes.



There's a rumble
in the tunnels.

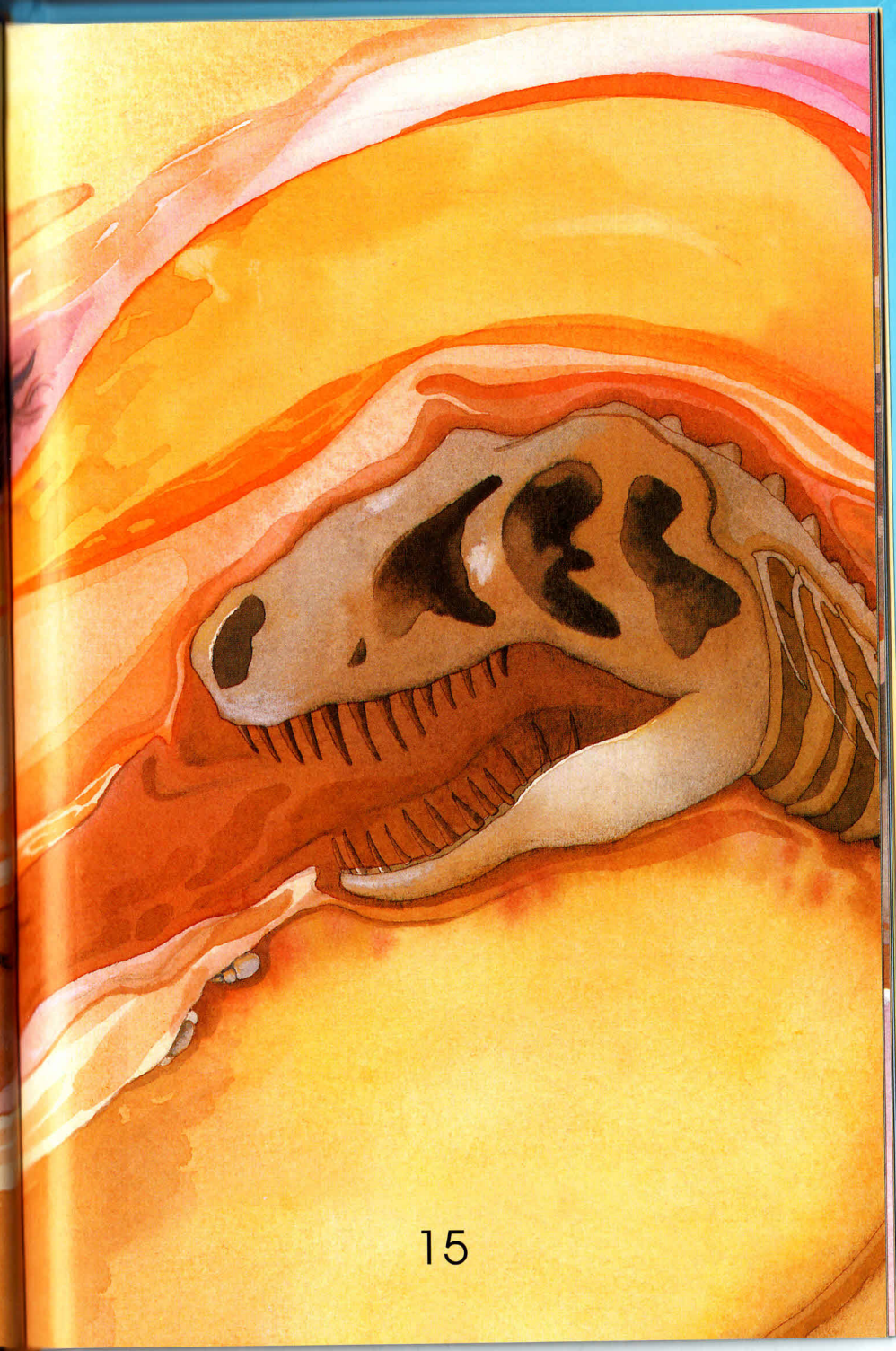


Trains zoom by.



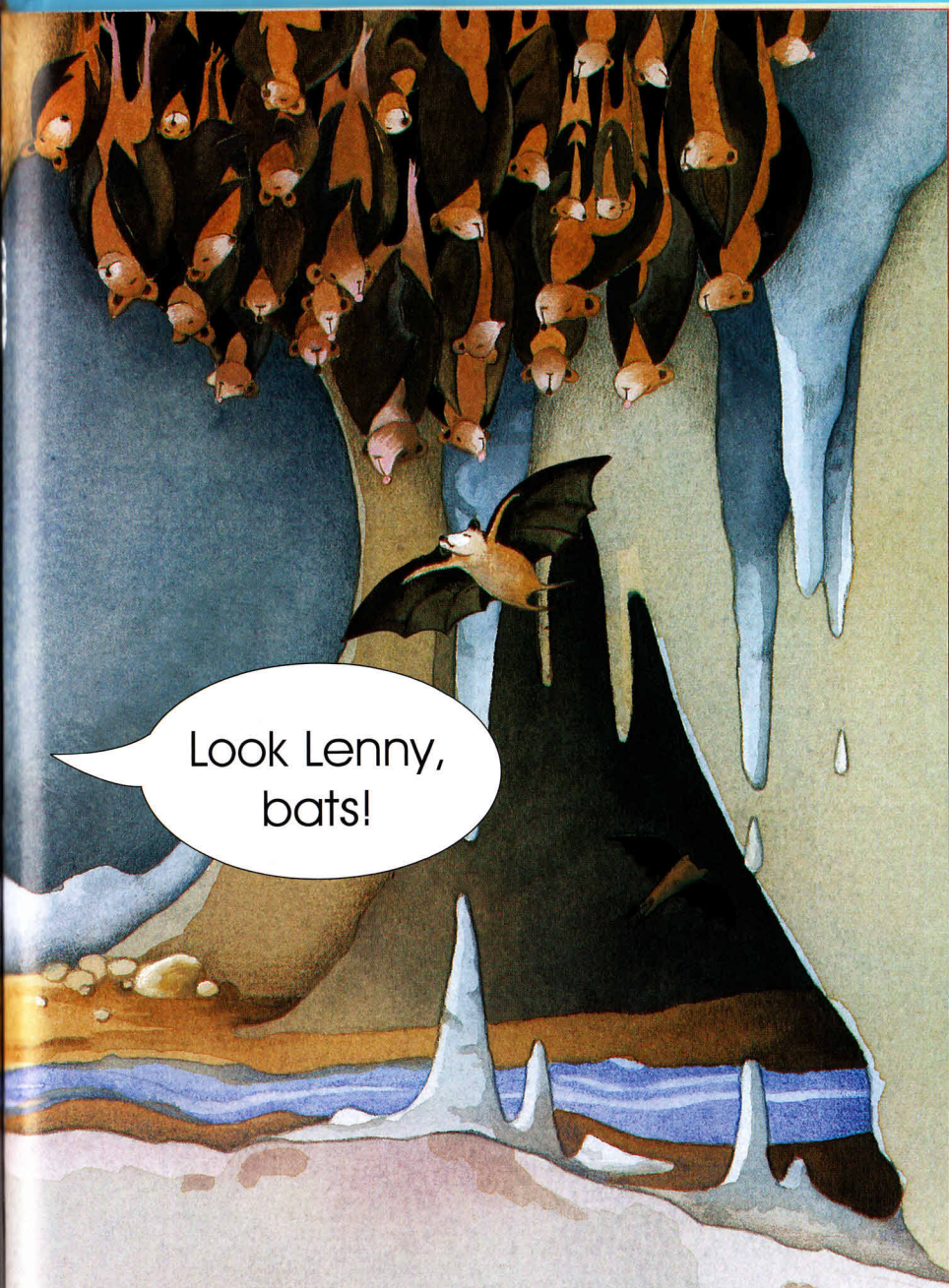
Lenny and Lola dig
through rock.

Dinosaur
bones!





They discover
a damp, dark cave.



Look Lenny,
bats!

Now they are
in a mine.



Lola and Lenny
dig deeper.



At last, they reach the
middle of the Earth.

An illustration of two children, a girl in a pink dress and a boy in a blue shirt and yellow shorts, walking through a dark, rocky cave. To their right, a large, flowing river of bright orange and red lava is visible. The girl is looking back at the lava with a concerned expression. A speech bubble from her says "It's hot!".

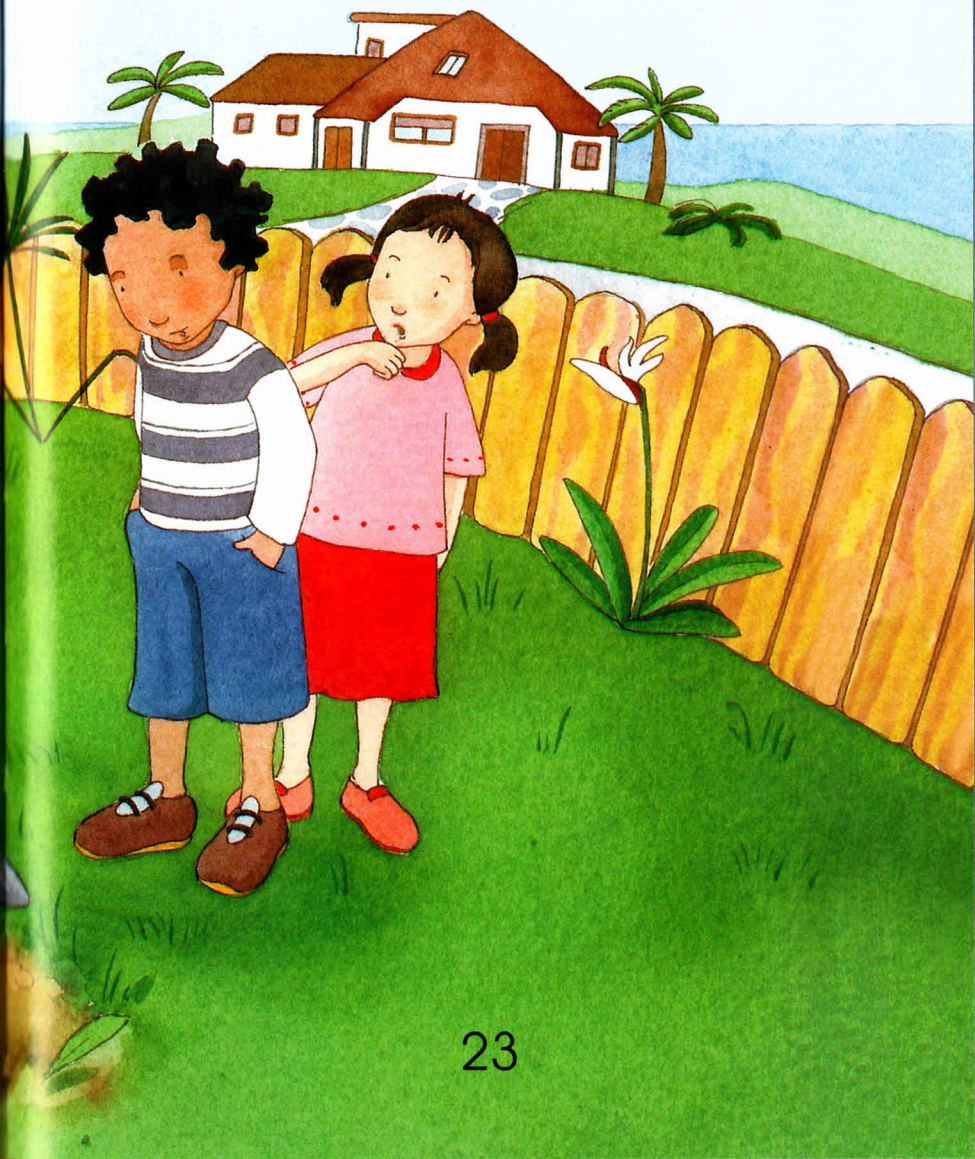
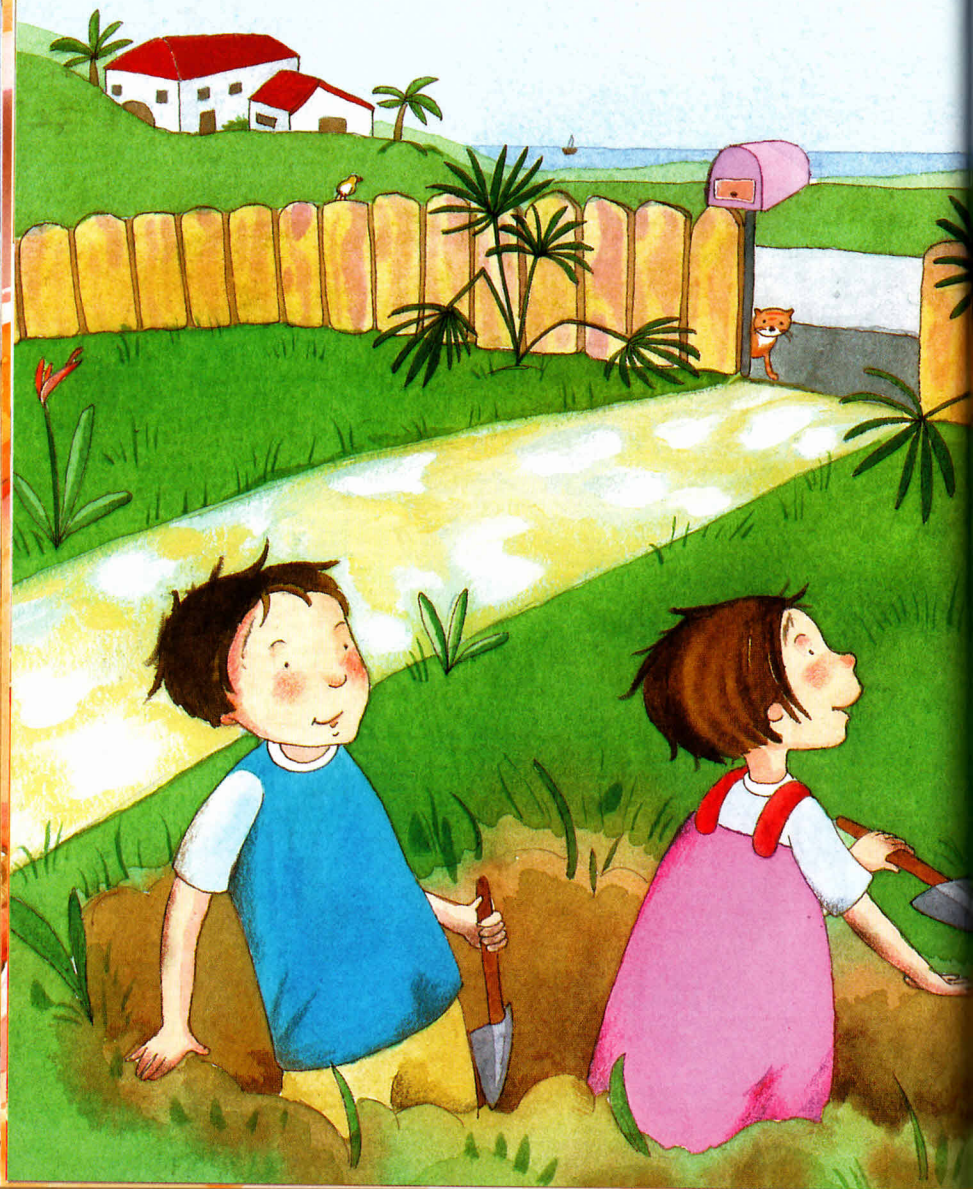
It's hot!

They dig...



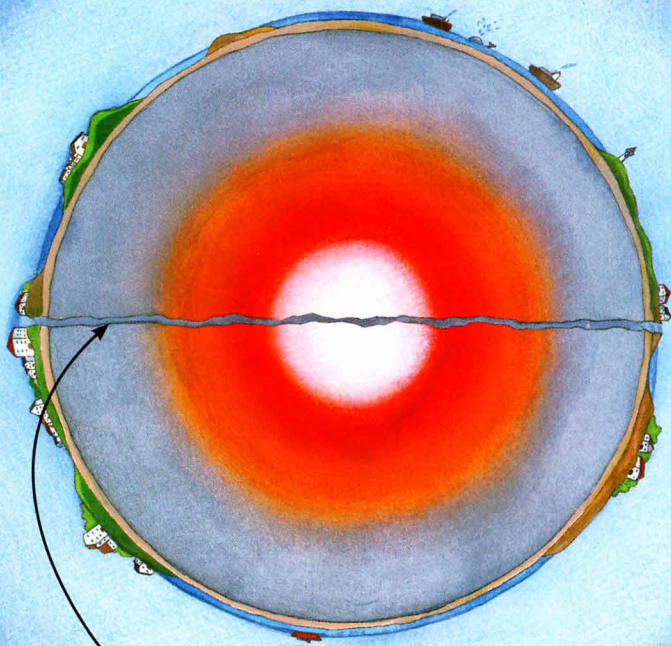
and dig, until...

...they pop out on the
other side of the world!



About the Earth

The Earth is a big, round ball. Here it is cut in half so you can see inside:



This is where Lenny and Lola dug.



PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you match the animals to their homes?



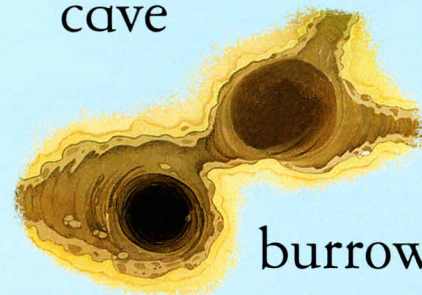
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cave



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burrow



rabbit

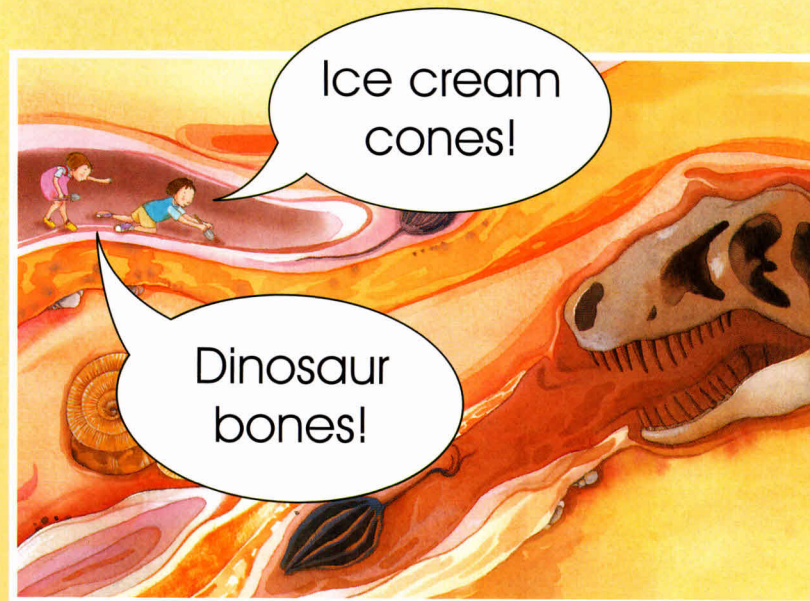


ants' nest



Puzzle 2

Can you choose the right speech bubble for each picture?

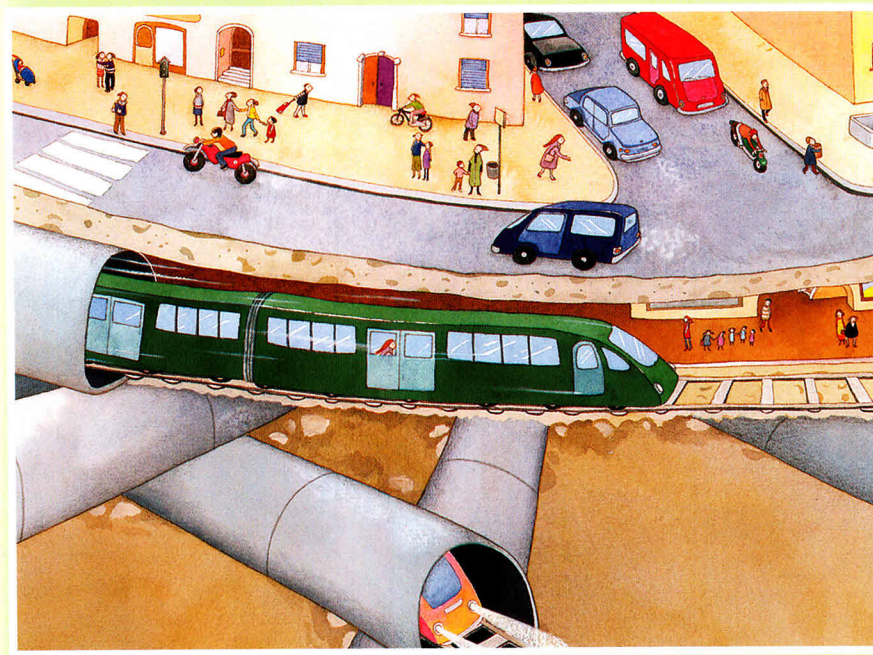


Puzzle 3

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?

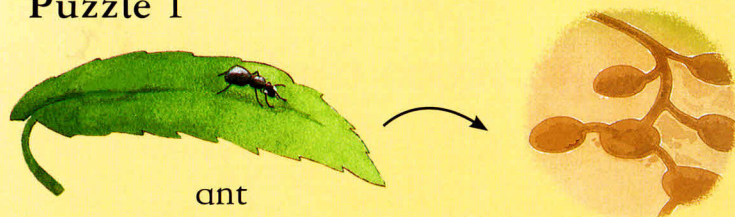


There are six to find.



Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



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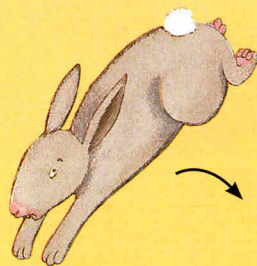
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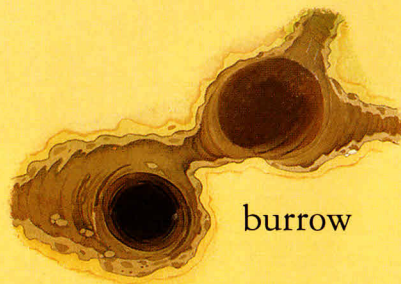
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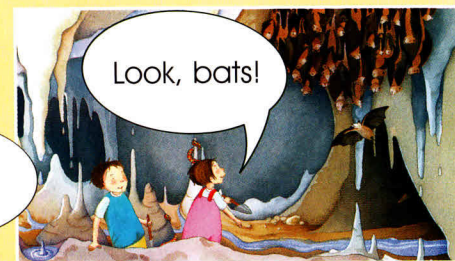


burrow

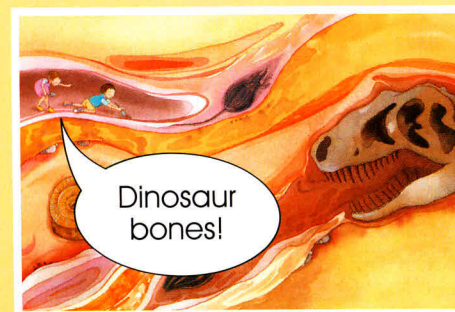
Puzzle 2



It's hot.

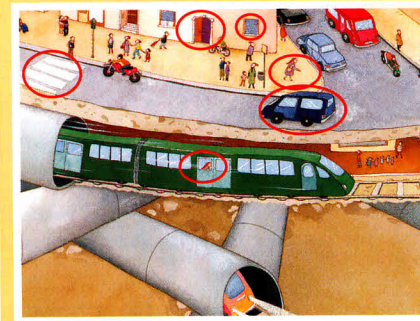
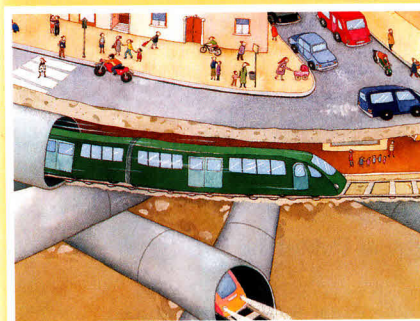


Look, bats!



Dinosaur
bones!

Puzzle 3



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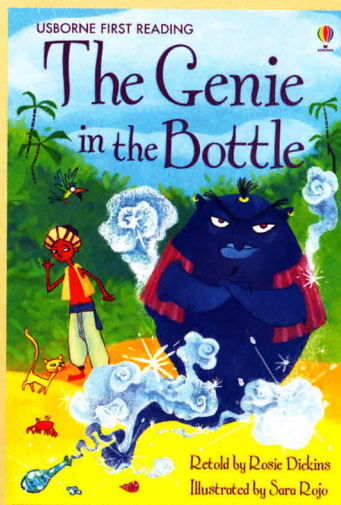
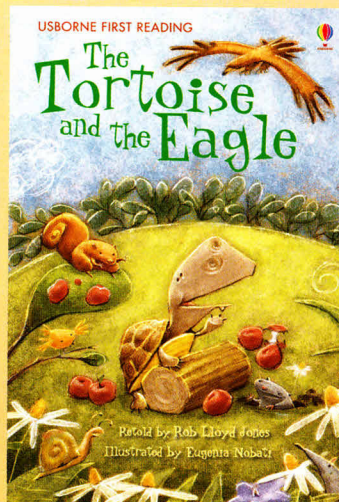
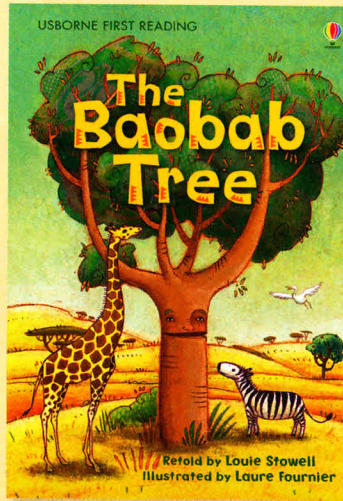
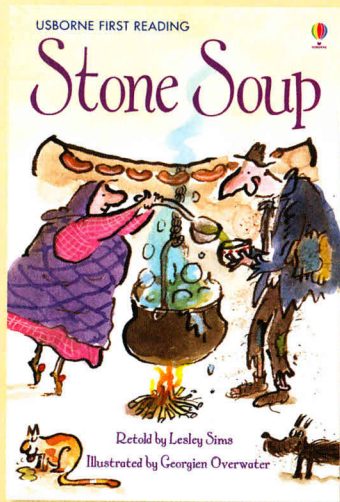
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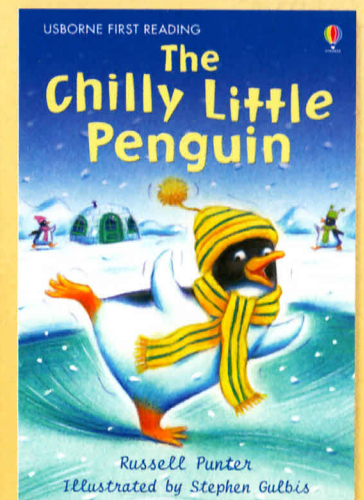
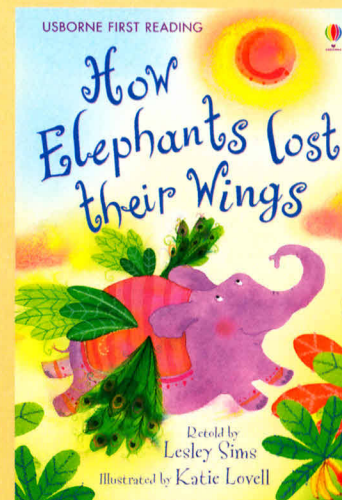
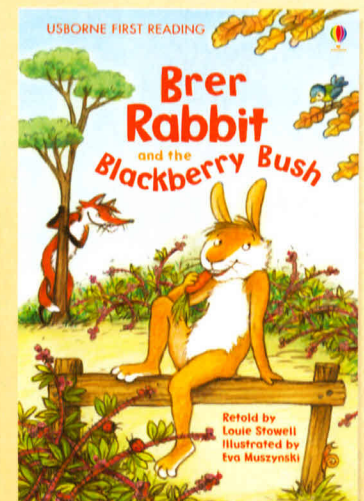
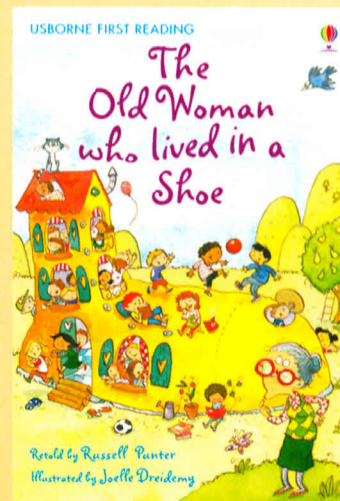
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