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Today is Cubetto’s first day of school.

To make sure he has everything ready, he wakes up extra early.

Wheels: check! Backpack: check! Books: check! He doesn’t want to forget anything!

A compass is a tool that shows you which directions are North, South, East, and West.

Which square on the map do you think contains a compass?

Start on the compass. Move Cubetto south one square to the “R”.

![Diagram showing movement from P to R]
At school, Cubetto’s teacher is Mr. Turtle. Mr. Turtle is famous for his exciting stories about history and science.

Today the class will learn all about different environments.

The environment is the world that surrounds us. There are many different types.

What type of environment do you live in?

Using a left turn, head to the yellow square southeast of the “R”.

![Diagram of a yellow square southeast of an “R”]

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In Cubetto’s country, there are farms, deserts, mountains, and a deep river. First, they learn about deserts.

Deserts are very dry and sandy. The desert reminds Cubetto of the school’s sandbox.

There are deserts all over the world, even near the North Pole!

What types of plants and animals might live in a desert?

Make Cubetto move three squares to swim across the river. End in the water.
Next they hear all about the river that runs through their land. The river brings water and makes the land fertile for farming.

Cubetto pictures the tall, green fields outside of town.

Fertile means the land is a good place to grow plants to eat. We call these crops.

Can you think of any crops that are grown for us to eat?

Take Cubetto to the mountains, choose the path yourself!
Water also washes down the mountains to the farmland.

Mr. Turtle explains that mountains are formed when parts of the ground push against each other and become scrunched up.

The land on Earth is always moving, but it’s so slow we can’t feel it.

Can you think of an event when the earth moves and we can feel it?

From the mountain, head towards the castle, use one right turn and one left turn.
After lunch Cubetto learns how people live and move in their environment.

Long ago they built castles, forts, and villages. Now there are large cities, power stations, and airplanes.

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**i** Machines have changed how we live and made our lives easier.

**?** What types of machines do you think have made life easier?

**🌟** Now make a trip to the “B”. If you like, try using the Function Line.
Cubetto’s world feels very big, but his city is just one of thousands on Earth. How different and interesting each place must be.

He wants to see them all!

There are over 7 billion people on Earth!

If you could take a trip anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Using a blue block at least once, move from the “B” to the oak tree. Ask if you need help.
Ding Ding!

The bell signals the end of the day. Cubetto can’t wait to come back tomorrow and learn more interesting and exciting things about the world around him!

Won’t you join him?

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Can you invent your own challenges for you and your friends to try?

Take a trip in a square. Come back home to the tree. Use your function key.