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Today Cubetto is missing school. His mum is taking him into the city to see a doctor.

This will be Cubetto’s first adventure in the city.

He imagines giant buildings, humming traffic, and colourful billboards.

Half of the people in the world live in cities.

Can you name a large city in your country?

Starting on the compass, move Cubetto to the bicycle.
At the train station, Cubetto’s mum tells him that if he gets lost, he should stay where he is and ask for help.

Cubetto nods, but isn’t listening.

He is too distracted by the large skyscrapers rising on the horizon.

A skyscraper is also called a high-rise and is at least 40 floors high.

What machines do you think they use to build a skyscraper?

From the bicycle, move south three squares to the high rises near the bank.
Once in the city they head to the metro.

In awe of the noises and people, Cubetto wanders off. All of a sudden, he has gone too far.

He looks around, but his mum isn’t there!

Oh no! Cubetto is lost.

A metro is a train that runs under a city.

Do you know of any other cities that have trains or metros?

From the high rises, head to the train’s stop light.
Cubetto spins around in panic!

He hops on the next train he sees without thinking. The next stop is near a large green park. He gets off.

Maybe his mum is waiting there?

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**i** Parks are important because their plants help to clean pollution from the air.

**?** What things in the city might cause pollution to the air?

**★** Now spin around to face south! Run to the park but stop by the street!

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But Cubetto’s mum isn’t there!

He tries to remember his mum’s advice, but suddenly he can’t. Is he supposed to find the hospital? Where should he go?

He decides to cross a long bridge.

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**i** Most cities are built around rivers, oceans, lakes, or other bodies of water.

**?** Why do you think it is important for a city to be built near water?

**🌟** Walk to the bridge, choosing your own way. There are many ways to get there.
Cubetto feels hopeless.

Slumping on a sidewalk, he sees a group of children heading to school. Maybe someone there can help.

He follows them, but as they enter the yard, the gate slams shut.

Some cities are built on a grid, like Cubetto’s map.

What do your city streets look like on a map?

Head to the school house using two right turns and a left turn.
Sobbing and shaking, Cubetto has never been so scared. His wheels are achy and his motors are tired.

Through his tears, he sees a large building with the words “City Hospital” across the front.

Maybe his mum is in there?!

- Cubetto has two motors, one for each of his wheels.
- Can you think of any other machines that use motors to move?
- Head to the hospital by way of the bridge. Use a right button in the function line to get there.
He zooms inside and sees her at the front desk. He is so happy he throws his arms around her.

It is now late in the day and Cubetto can’t wait to be safe at home.

There are many types of transportation, like cars, bicycles, trams, and taxis.

What other forms of transportation can you think of?

Head from the hospital to the cab. Use at least four turns and the function line to get there.