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Vorwort

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen, liebe Eltern, liebe Schülerinnen und Schüler,

es freut mich sehr, dass Sie sich für dieses Heft und für die Lesespurgeschichten entschieden haben.

Lesespurgeschichten sind eine tolle Möglichkeit, die **Lesekompetenz** bei Schülerinnen und Schülern zu fördern; zugleich wecken sie die **Freude am Lesen**. Für Schülerinnen und Schüler der **7. und 8. Klasse** sind sie ein nächster Schritt weg von den traditionellen Texten im Buch hin zu eigenen **Leseerfahrungen** in der Fremdsprache.

Hilfestellung zum Lesen von Lesespurgeschichten:

- 1: Zuerst liest man die kurze Einleitung und das Textstück Nummer 1.
- 2: Anschließend versucht man, durch den Hinweis im Text auf der Karte die nächste Nummer zu finden. Gelingt dies nicht direkt, kann man auch die nächsten Textabschnitte durchgucken und schauen, ob man Hinweise findet, dass hier die Geschichte weitergehen soll.
- 3: Dann liest man bei der nächsten Nummer weiter und schaut anschließend nochmals auf der Karte nach der nächsten Nummer. Dies wiederholt sich bis zum Schluss.
- 4: Findet man nicht die richtige Nummer, gibt der Textabschnitt einen deutlichen Hinweis, dass dies nicht die richtige Lesespur ist.

Differenzierung ist im Fremdsprachenunterricht ein wichtiges Thema. Aus diesem Grund liegt jede Geschichte in **zwei Niveaustufen** vor, einem einfacheren (1) und einem mittleren (2) Niveau. Das einfachere Niveau kann beispielsweise auch problemlos in der Real- oder Hauptschule eingesetzt werden. Die Textabschnitte des mittleren Niveaus sind etwas ausführlicher, verfügen über einen anspruchsvolleren Wortschatz und haben zusätzlich noch eingebaute Rätsel, die die Schülerinnen und Schüler lösen müssen.

Es empfiehlt sich, die erste Lesespurgeschichte mit den Schülerinnen und Schülern gemeinsam zu bearbeiten, damit ihnen das Format vertraut ist. Anschließend kann man sie die nächsten Geschichten problemlos **allein** oder in **Partnerarbeit** lösen lassen. Sie haben als Lehrkraft dann verschiedene **Kontrollmöglichkeiten**: Die Schülerinnen und Schüler können allein mithilfe der Lösungsseite kontrollieren, sie besprechen die richtige Lesespur gemeinsam am Ende im Plenum oder die Schülerinnen und Schüler kontrollieren sich gegenseitig mit der Sitznachbarin bzw. dem Sitznachbarn.

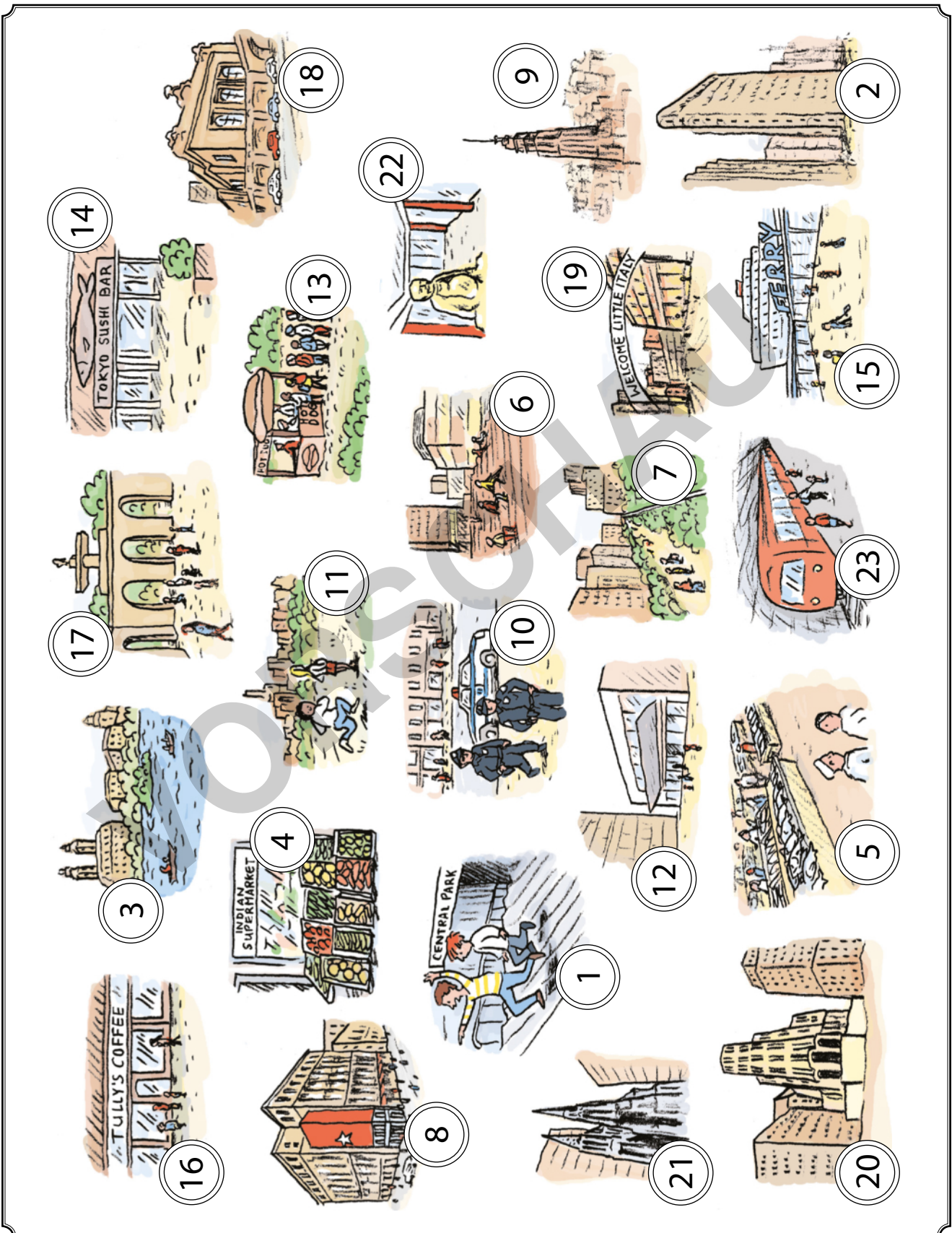
In der Vergangenheit hat sich herausgestellt, dass Lesespurgeschichten dadurch **verschiedene Lese- und Lerntypen** ansprechen, dass sie nicht nur Text enthalten, sondern der Text mit dem Entdecken der Spur auf der Karte kombiniert ist.

Gutes Gelingen und viel Spaß beim Lösen der Geschichten wünscht

Julia Weig

Chasing a thief in New York City

Lesespurlandkarte



Chasing a thief in New York City

Lesespurgeschichte (1)

Sam spent the last summer holidays in New York where he was visiting his uncle George, his aunt Ella und his cousin Peter. Sam and Peter like each other a lot and were very happy to have two weeks and a lot of time for nice activities together! One day they took the subway to Central Park because they wanted to row a boat on the lake there. While they were on the stairs to leave the subway station there was a tumult behind them.

If you want to know what happened, start reading at number 1.

1 The two boys only heard some loud noises and people screaming. There were people running in different directions creating a busy atmosphere. What had just happened? Then Sam realised that his phone was gone! Was it somewhere on the floor? He looked around! No! It must have been stolen! "Peter", he shouted, "my phone is gone! Sh..." The escalator went up into the daylight and they stood aside. You could see Peter's shoulders hanging and his sad face. Sam's phone was new and expensive! "Oh no, that can't be true! Keep calm, we'll find it! Let's call my dad and mum first and tell them what happened ... maybe they have an idea." Peter said. "What's that behind you? Peter we need to be quick! I see somebody running away over there! Let's follow him! QUIIIIIICK!!!!!"

2 Another famous building in Manhattan is the so called "Flatiron Building", it got its name because of the shape. Today, several companies have their office in this building. Buildings which are used as offices usually have security people who see to it that nobody enters who is not allowed to do so. Many of them also have electronic doors which can be locked quickly in case of an emergency. That's why hiding in this building would not be a clever idea, so please go on searching the next location.

3 The race in Central Park continued! Sam wanted to get back his new smartphone because he had saved a lot of money that he got from his grandparents for Christmas and his last two birthdays to buy it. Besides, all his memories from the trip to New York, all the photos he had taken so far were on this phone! He couldn't even imagine losing all these pictures! The boys followed the thief who was now running around the lake in Central Park. "Hey, that's where we actually wanted to go! It looks pretty nice, I hope we can still do that", Sam shouted to Peter who could only nod because he was so out of breath.

4 Peter was a bit stressed when Sam started running so quickly – he is a very fast runner. Peter is rather a relaxed person and doesn't like running fast, but he gave his best and tried to follow his cousin. They started running past a small Indian supermarket towards Central Park. Outside the supermarket there were several people who were looking around. The two boys nearly crashed into an old lady who started screaming at them.

5 When going towards the harbour in New York, tourists can see some ships and a few shops and restaurants on the promenade. Every day the market hall at the harbour is crowded because it is famous for its fresh food. Inside, it smells like fish and some people feel like throwing up when they enter. You can see shop assistants everywhere shouting for instance: "Buy two kilos of bananas and get two oranges for free!" As the market hall is pretty crowded and people are walking around slowly searching the best offer, it is not a good place to rush through when escaping with a stolen object. Moreover, the thief does not pass this area of Manhattan, so please go on searching the next location.

6 They were wrong because the thief changed his direction and did not go to Brooklyn. Sam and Peter were relieved! They were about to spot another place with a lot of shimmering lights! But that was not Chinatown, no, it was TIMES SQUARE! "That's a very special place!", Sam thought. It has always been his dream to stand on this square and buy tickets for a musical. Then they saw him again! There he was, climbing up the stairs. "How stupid of a thief, up there everybody can see him", Sam thought. He climbed up the stairs and realised that he could not run down the other side. "That's our chance", Peter screamed. "We can catch

because of the observation deck "Top of the Rock" at the top. From there you have a nice view of the city. On top of the Empire State Building the view is great as well but on the Rockefeller Center you also have the Empire State Building in your pictures which makes it even nicer.

21 In Manhattan there are also several churches. A famous one is St. Patrick's Cathedral, a Catholic church in Midtown Manhattan, close to Rockefeller Center. This means that our thief could definitely pass by this church and try to hide. Hiding in a church is not a clever idea since it closes in the night and then the thief would be locked in there. During the day there are a lot of tourists inside, so hiding would also not be easy. So please go on searching the thief somewhere else.

22 At the back of the street where the noise of the people had come from, they could see red, yellowish and orange lights and huge signs with Chinese characters that they did not understand. That must be Chinatown! They went on following the direction where the noise had come from and then Sam finally saw him again! He entered a Chinese restaurant with a huge waving cat in the shop window. The thief passed through the restaurant and left it through the back door! From Chinatown southwards you can see the huge Brooklyn Bridge which connects Manhattan and Brooklyn. During the day there are a lot of tourists taking pictures for their Instagram stories. Then Peter suddenly spotted the thief! He was running through the crowds and bumping into some young Asian looking girls. Was he escaping to Brooklyn? No way! They had no choice but to follow him.

23 In the tunnel he ran on the platform. When Peter and Sam came down into the subway tunnel, they saw train A which goes to Williamsburg standing on the tracks. Their eyes searched the train, the platform, the benches on the platform. Where was the thief? Had he entered the train? "Oh no, let's hope he didn't get in the train and escape to Williamsburg, we will never find him there", Peter said. Then suddenly a man jumped out from a snack vending machine ... he must have hidden there for a few seconds! He continued his way and left the subway station at the back of the platform. Sam and Peter followed him!

My reading trail:

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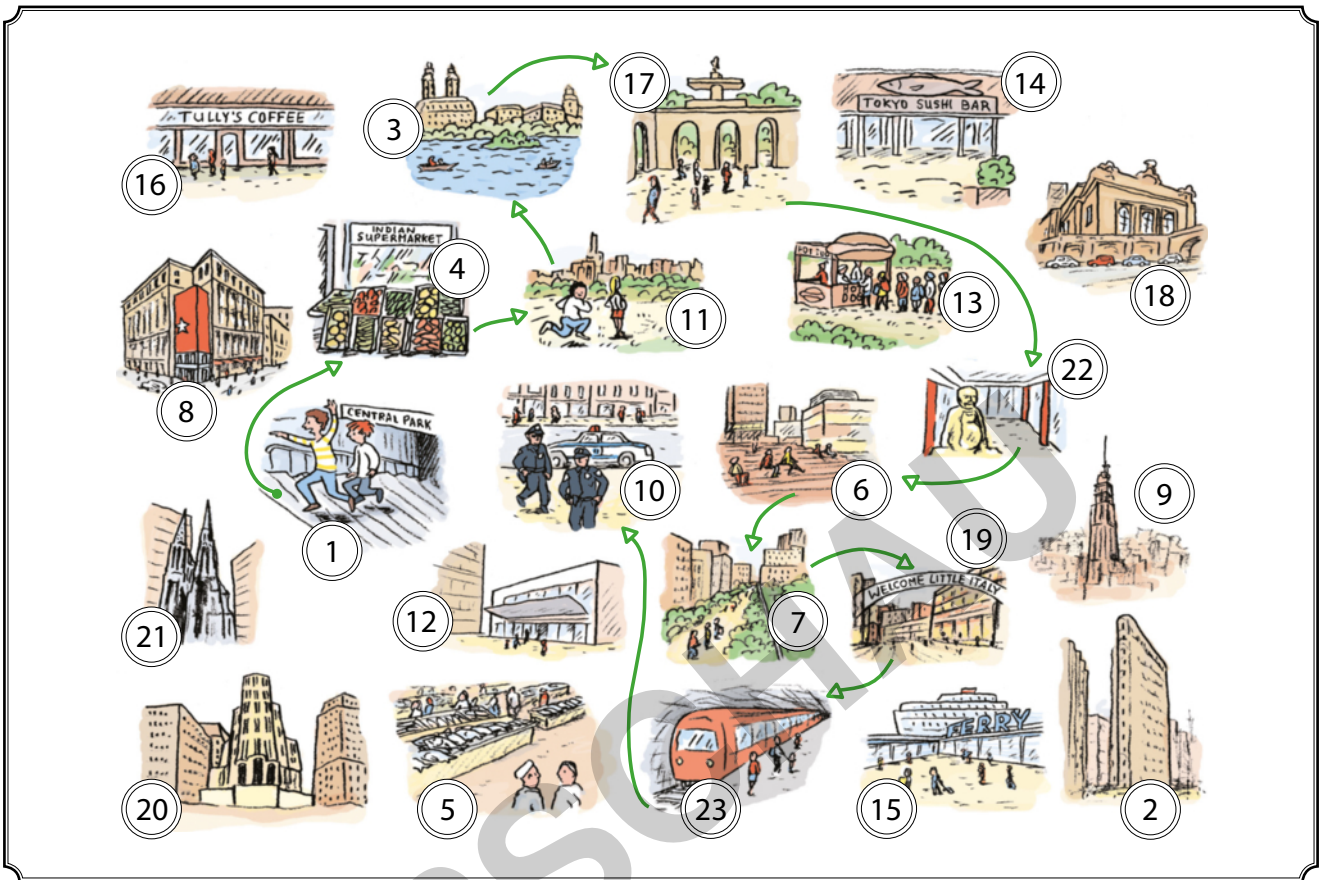
Solution word: The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is the largest and one of the oldest in the United States. The NYPD headquarters is at 1 Police Plaza, located on Park Row in Lower Manhattan near City Hall. The NYPD employs around 55,000 people, including almost 35,000 uniformed

Vocabulary

to go rowing	Rudern gehen	exhausted	erschöpft
emergency	Notfall	department store	Kaufhaus
to chase	jagen, verfolgen	to honk	hupen
thief	Dieb	obstacle	Hindernis
to throw up	sich übergeben	to postpone	verschieben
impressive	beeindruckend	ornament	Ziergegenstand

Chasing a thief in New York City

Lösungen



My reading trail:

1 4 11 3 17 22 6 7 19 23 10

Solution word: **officers**

Solutions:

Riddle to **9**: The tallest building in the world can be found in **Dubai** (2024), it's the Burj Khalifa.

Riddle to **11**: The area of Central Park is approximately **3,2 km²** (exact area **3,41 km²**).

Riddle to **18**: British vs. American English! Do you know the American English word corresponding to the British one?

British English	American English
pavement	sidewalk
colour	color
biscuit	cookie
film	movie
flat	apartment

At Notting Hill Carnival

Lesespurgeschichte (2)

Last year, Sarah and her class had already planned to go to Notting Hill Carnival but when the time came they could not go because the Carnival parade did not take place for several reasons. That was why she was so much looking forward to this event that she had already seen on TV a few times but never had the chance to join.

If you want to know how Sarah and her classmates experienced this special day, start reading at number 1.

1 Sarah lives in a small town in the suburbs of London and going to the city centre takes her about 50 minutes. She sometimes goes there with her parents and her sister but until now she has not been allowed to do so alone because her mum is worried that unknown people might talk to her or bother her otherwise. Today she is with two teachers and her whole class, so everything is fine. They met in Kingston at the station to take the train to King's Cross and from there another one to Notting Hill Gate. The train was already pretty crowded and Sarah did not find a place to sit because there was an elderly lady to whom she offered her seat. Good girl! Her best friend Lisa found a seat and Sarah just stood next to her so they could chat about the latest school gossip (Who wrote the best mark in the last history test? Who will be our new PE teacher next year? Do you already know the new girl in the other class?).

2 While Sarah was standing on the pavement watching the dancers and jugglers performing she started worrying a bit. What if she could not find her way back to the phone shop? What if she didn't have internet connection to use google maps to find her way? She checked her phone and she was right: no connection (probably there were too many people in this area). "Don't panic, you will be fine", she was telling herself when she suddenly felt someone touching her from behind trying to tickle her. "What the h...", she turned around surprised when she realised it was Noah again. This time she was even happy to see him as they could start searching the phone shop together now. "That's it! I know what to do, let me check if one of the restaurants or shops in this area has open WIFI, then we load the way to the google maps app and follow it. Once it's loaded you don't need internet connection. We will find the way back to our group!", Sarah said.

3 At King's Cross Station, the whole class 7E got out of the train and stood on the platform. Mrs Campbell stood on a bench so that everybody could see her as she was about to explain where they would have to go next. "Please listen to me, everybody! We are now at King's Cross Station and have to take another train to get to Notting Hill Gate. This will be the Victoria Line westbound. Please stay close to the group and focus on not getting lost! London is a huge and also dangerous city and I don't want to be forced to search you everywhere or go to the police."

4 When they arrived at Notting Hill Gate, they got out of the underground station and could already feel a spark of the great atmosphere in this part of the town during Carnival season. Woowow, so many smells (food stalls with Indian, Jamaican or African food), colours, sounds ... Sarah was overwhelmed! She knew she would like it, but she had not imagined it to be so amazing and exciting! They walked a few metres and stopped next to a small shop selling credit for phone calls and SIM cards for all over the whole world. "THIS", said Mrs Campbell while pointing at the shop, "this is our meeting point. Whatever happens and in case you get lost you will have to try and come back here. We meet here, at the latest at 4 o'clock because then we have to head back home. It's the phone shop at the beginning of Aberdeen Street, everybody please remember it! Phone shop in Aberdeen street."

Do you know other cities around the world where Carnival is very famous?

5 In Notting Hill there are a lot of antique shops selling old paintings, cutlery, jewellery, furniture or dishes. Sarah's grandma loved shops like this and when she was still alive, she took Sarah with her from time to time.

17 When Carnival season starts, nearly all shops, restaurants or cafés decorate their windows with colourful decoration, banners, feathers or balloons! Here you are in front of a vet surgery selling dog and cat food as well. Even this vet decorated his window for this special time of the year. He doesn't decorate his window for Christmas or Easter with so much passion! Sarah has a cat at home, so she also needs a vet from time to time but today she didn't have time to look at the shop window and the decoration, the street parade was more interesting and besides she really needed to find the phone shop in Aberdeen Street. So please go back to the last place!

18 After 40 minutes Sarah moved through the passengers to talk to her teacher, Mrs Campbell. If they didn't have Mr Johnson as their new chemistry teacher, Mrs Campbell would be Sarah's favourite. Nevertheless she likes her a lot because she often plans trips with her class and is a very nice and caring person. She teaches literature which is not Sarah's favourite subject, she is more into science and maths. "Mrs Campbell, where exactly are we getting off the train? And how long does it take us to go there?" "Oh hi Sarah, I didn't see you coming. I hope you are fine. We still need another five to ten minutes and we will be getting off at King's Cross, so please pay attention to the announcement and don't miss the station where we will leave the train. And Sarah, dear, you could pass this information on to your classmates, just as a short reminder", her teacher answered.

19 This is the little café where Sarah used to go with her grandma. It's a cute café with a lot of antique objects hanging on the wall: old paintings, small sculptures, a compass, little figures made from wood or pewter. The owner is also very nice: Mrs McGregor from Scotland with a heavy accent from Glasgow. Sarah and her grandma kept coming back because they were offering the best hot chocolate in town and from time to time Sarah was allowed to add marshmallows. So yummy! From the street with the antique shops you had to walk about ten minutes to get to the café so it's too far away and Sarah can't make it today. Go on searching the next spot!

20 When walking around Notting Hill, Sarah immediately had to think of the famous film "Notting Hill" with Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant – a great film! Parts of it take place in a tiny book shop in Notting Hill. A lot of tourists come to this part of the town every year to have a look at the book shop and imagine the famous film scenes. Sarah also would have loved to see the book shop but she didn't know where to find it and didn't have internet connection to find out the exact location. But she would come back in the next weeks to search the book shop and browse through the books on offer. Maybe she could ask her mum if she wanted to join her because Sarah remembered she also liked the film a lot. So that's a plan for next time, now please go on searching the next place.

21 After Mrs Campbell's little speech they left and went down to the underground platforms, always focused on staying close to the group, as their teacher had said earlier. When they arrived, the platform was quite crowded. No wonder, at 9 o'clock in the morning a lot of people are busy on their way to work and in London the only convenient way to get there quickly and in time is the underground – the traffic is crazy. They had to wait for five minutes which is quite a long time in London where the trains sometimes come within a minute during rush hour in the early evening. "Please mind the gap." Sarah had to smile. This announcement always reminds her of London's underground and the speaker has been the same for ages. "Have they ever recorded it with a new speaker?", she wondered.

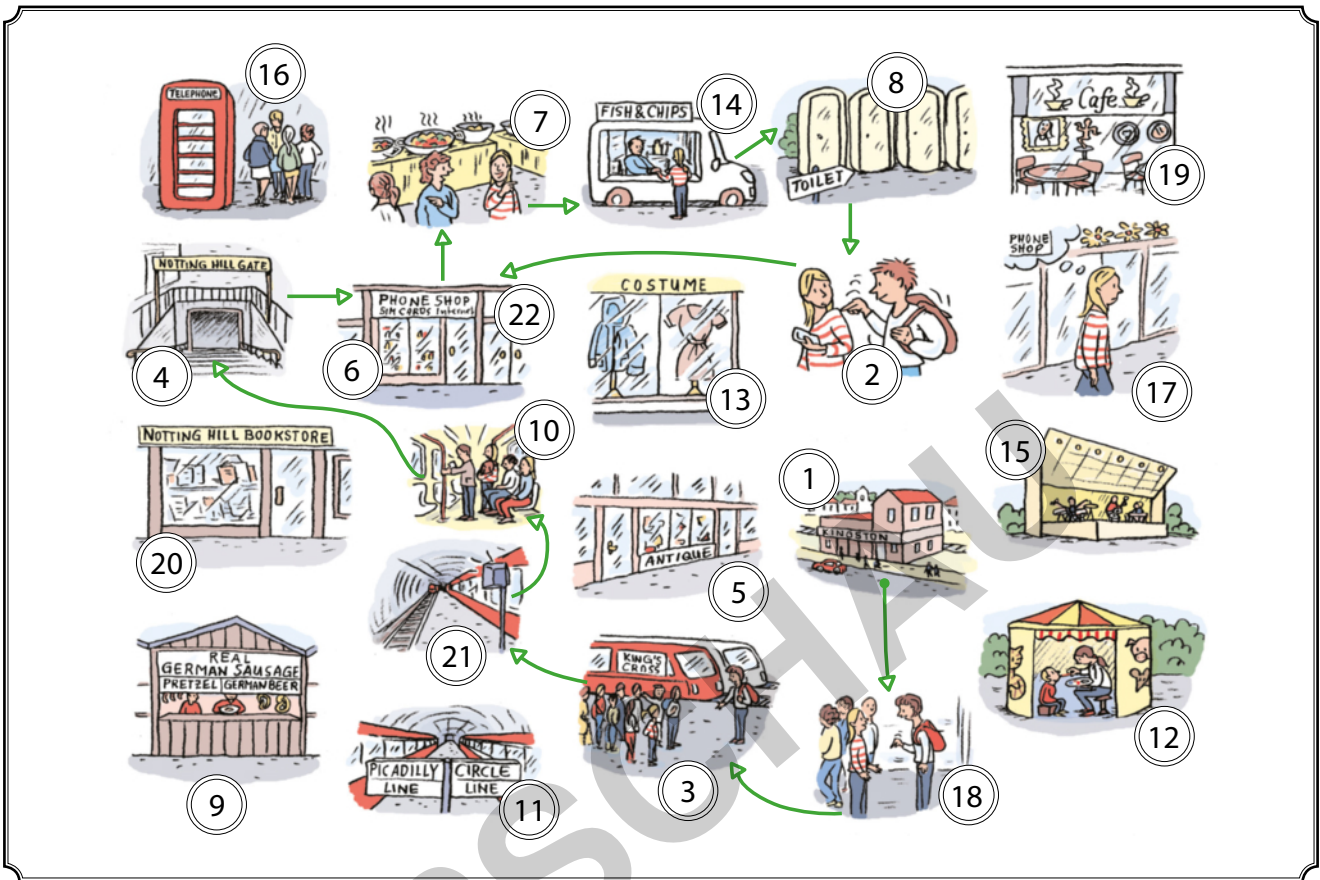
22 That's what they did! Luckily, they found an open WIFI at a coffee place and managed to find the way back. When they arrived at the phone shop everybody was relieved: they had already been waiting for Noah and Sarah. Especially Lisa, Anna and Noah's two friends were glad their friends didn't get lost. They were already worried. What an exciting day this trip to Notting Hill Carnival has been! Nevertheless, Sarah enjoyed it a lot and planned to come back again next year. Maybe, after this episode, her parents will allow her to go to the city centre of London on her own. She has proven that she knows how to solve a difficult situation!

My reading trail:

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At Notting Hill Carnival

Lösungen



My reading trail:

1 18 3 21 10 4 6 7 14 8 2 22

Solutions:

Riddle to 4: Carnival is also very famous in Cologne (Germany) or Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Riddle to 14: Other films that take place in Notting Hill: Performance (1970), Lava (2001), Paddington (2014)

An internship at a hotel

Lesespurlandkarte

