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# WONDERFUL WHEELS



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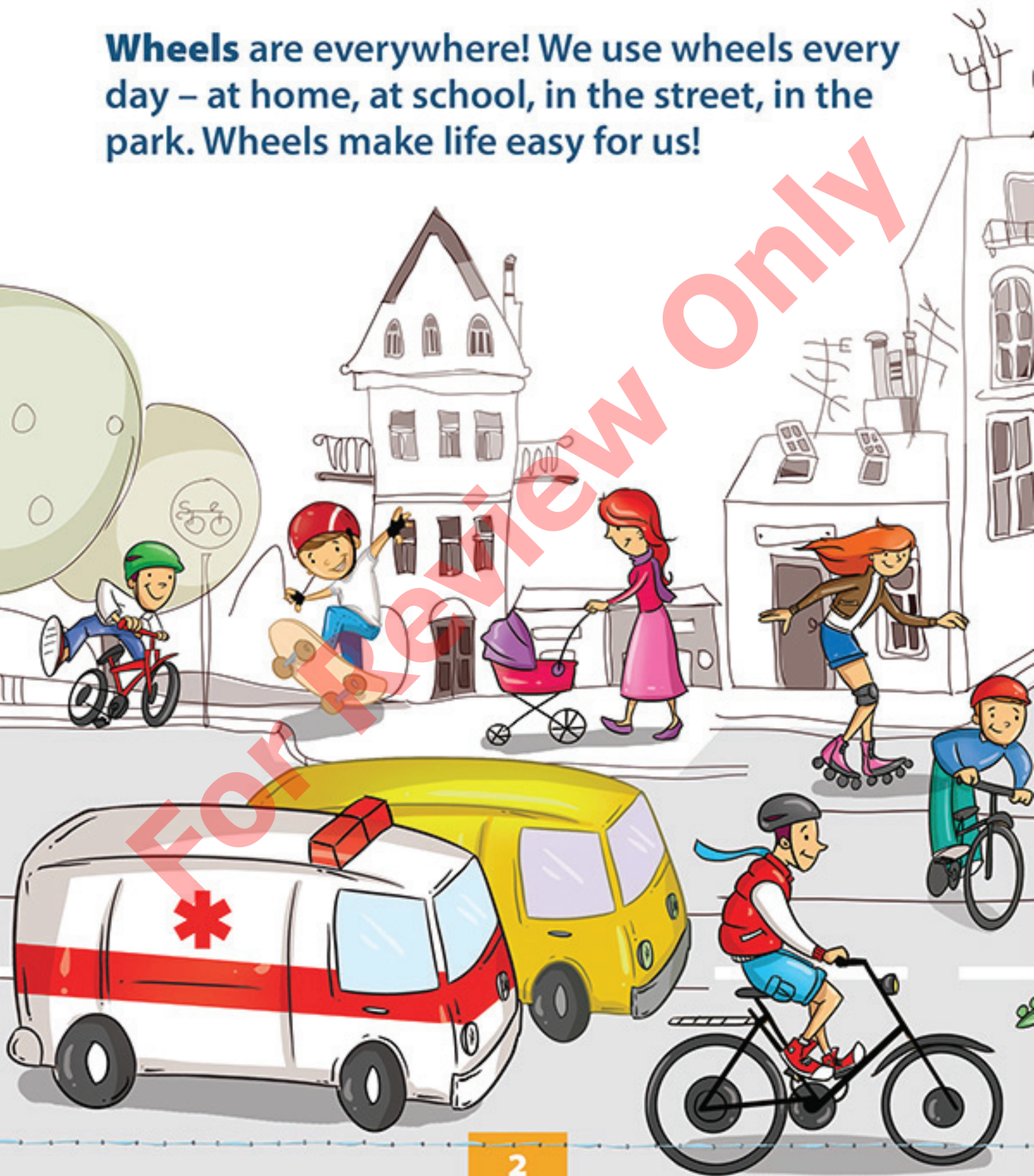
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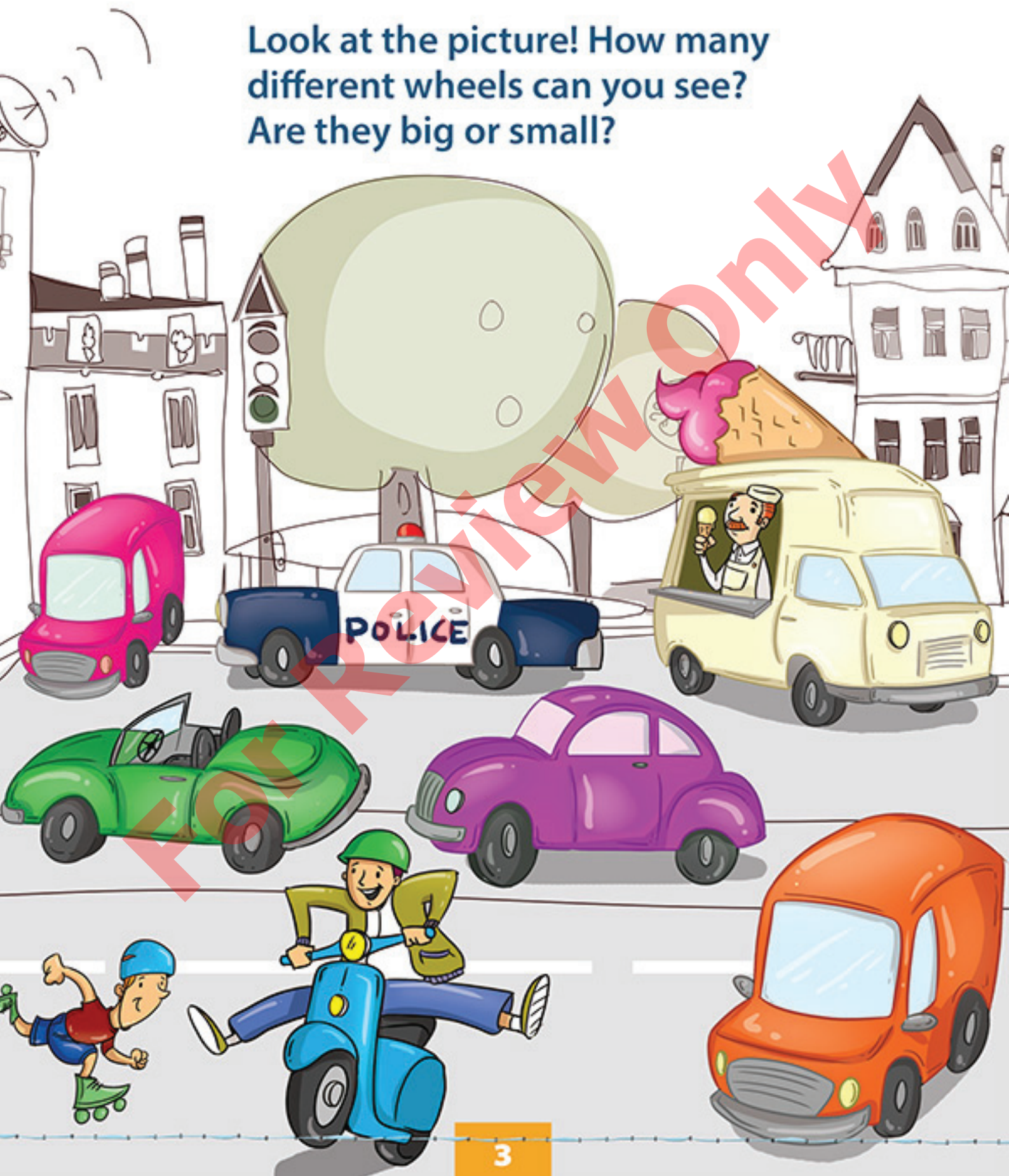
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# LET'S START!

**Wheels** are everywhere! We use wheels every day – at home, at school, in the street, in the park. Wheels make life easy for us!



Look at the picture! How many  
different wheels can you see?  
Are they big or small?



# A WORLD OF WHEELS

Hello! I am **Willie Wheeler**.  
I know all  
about wheels!

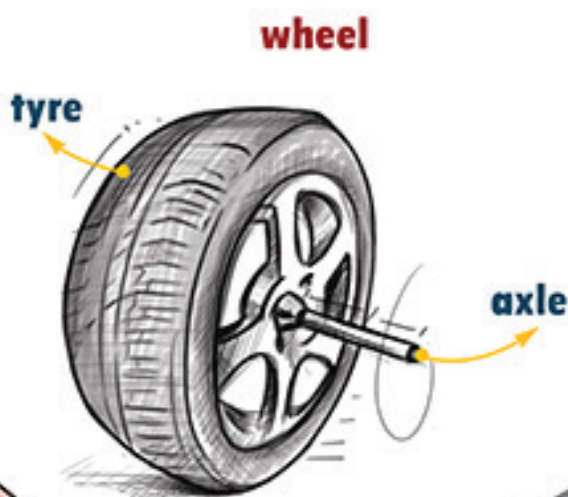
Look! This is  
my skateboard.  
I can move  
very quickly.  
It is a lot of  
fun!



## Wheels

can be big or small. They can be plastic or metal. But they are all round! They are machines and they turn. Wheels help things to move.

Wheels have got axles. An axle is a pole that runs through the wheel. The wheel turns around it. Some wheels have got rubber tyres.



This is a shopping trolley. We use a shopping trolley at the supermarket. We push it and the wheels turn around.



This boy cannot walk. He uses a wheelchair to get around. He can move the wheelchair on his own, or someone can push it for him.

**FAST FACT**



The oldest wheel is about 5,150 years old.

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# Phaethon and the Sun Chariot

This is the palace of the Sun god, Helios. It is bright and shining, just like the Sun! One day, a young boy, Phaethon, arrives at the palace. He wants to know if Helios is really his father.

"No one believes you are my father," Phaethon says to Helios. "But of course you are my son!" says Helios. "Ask for anything you want and you can have it, my boy. I promise!"

"Really, father?" Phaethon says, "Then let me ride your Sun chariot across the sky for a day!"

Helios knows his chariot is dangerous and not easy to ride. But what can he do? He must keep his promise. He gets the horses ready for his son. Phaethon climbs into the chariot.



But the horses are too strong for the young boy. Phaethon cannot hold the reins. The horses go down to Earth and set everything on fire. The flames destroy the mountains and the forests. The rivers and the lakes all dry up, too!

"I must do something!" Zeus shouts. He quickly throws a thunderbolt at the chariot. The chariot breaks into pieces. It falls into a river with the horses. Phaethon falls into the river, too, and sadly he drowns!

Helios is very sad. From that day on, he does not allow anyone to ride his chariot again!

