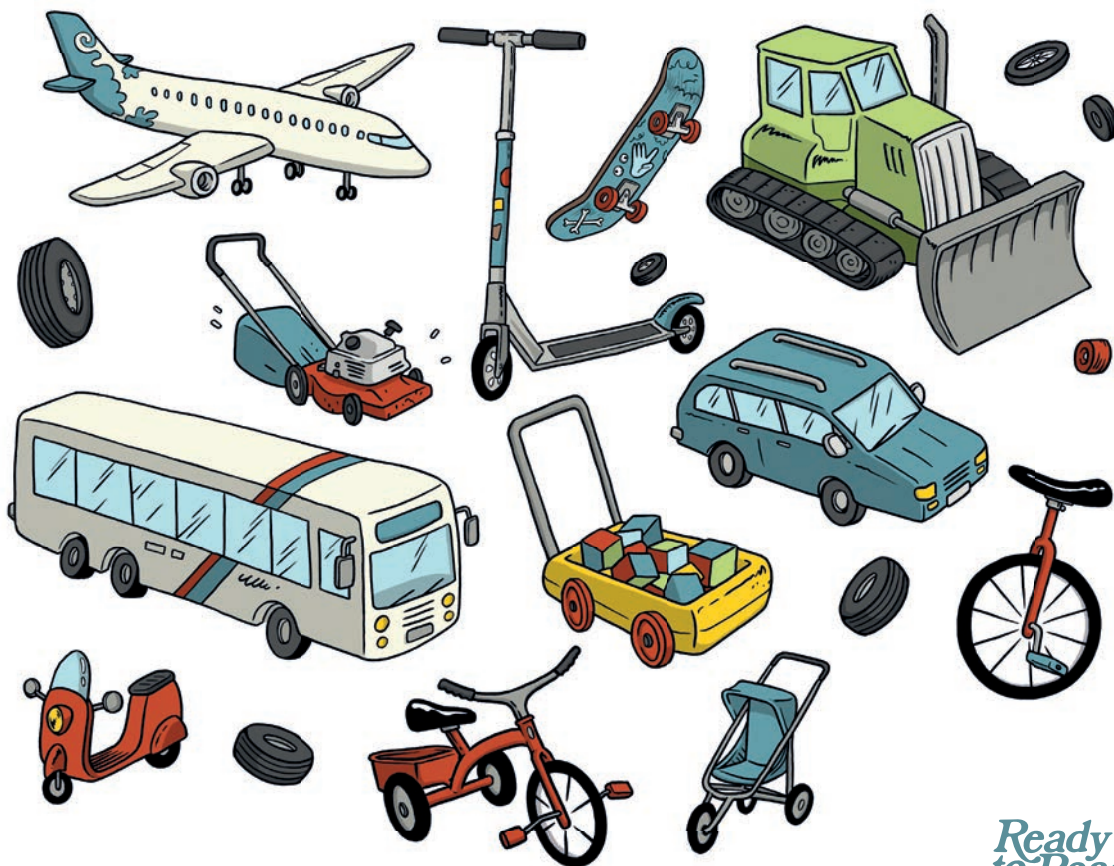


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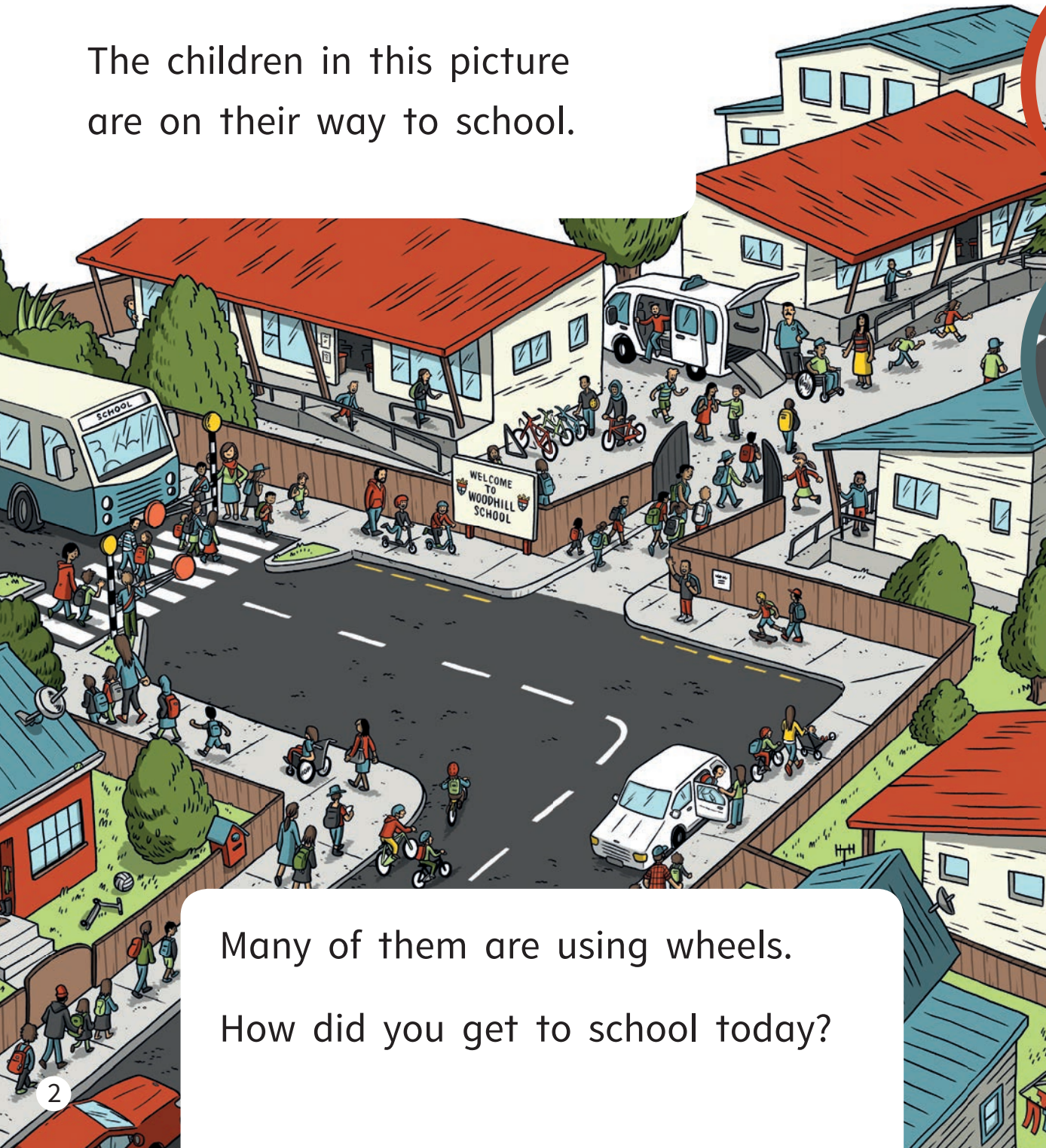
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# How wheels help us

The children in this picture are on their way to school.



by bike



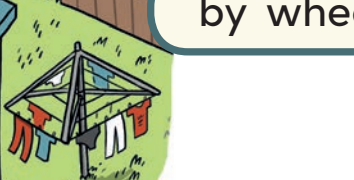
by car



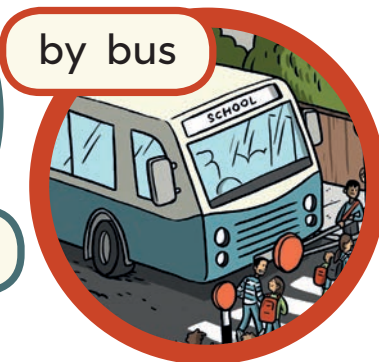
by scooter



by taxi van



by wheelchair



by bus

Bikes, scooters, wheelchairs, buses, taxis, and cars all have wheels.

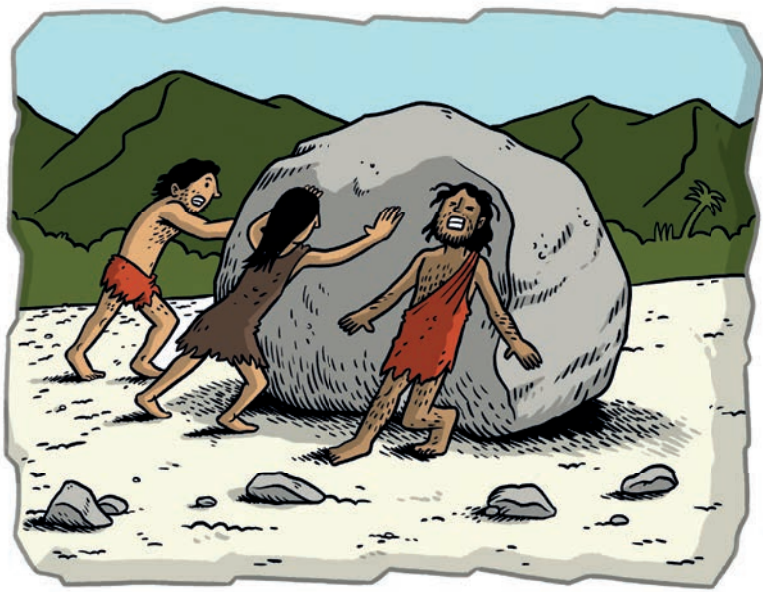
Wheels help us move easily from place to place.

Wheels help us go further.

Going somewhere on wheels is faster than walking.

Many of them are using wheels.

How did you get to school today?



## The history of wheels

Wheels were invented long ago to solve the problem of moving heavy things. People saw that round things could be used as rollers to move other things.

People worked out how to make wheels.



This is a wooden wheel from about five thousand years ago.

They used wheels to make **vehicles**, like carts and wagons. (A vehicle is something that is used to carry people or things.)



This is a hay cart from about two hundred years ago.

# Old wheels, new wheels

Wheels have changed a lot since they were first invented.

These photos show some ways that wheels have changed in the last 150 years.



This bike is called a penny-farthing.

1880

Both wheels are the same size on this bike.



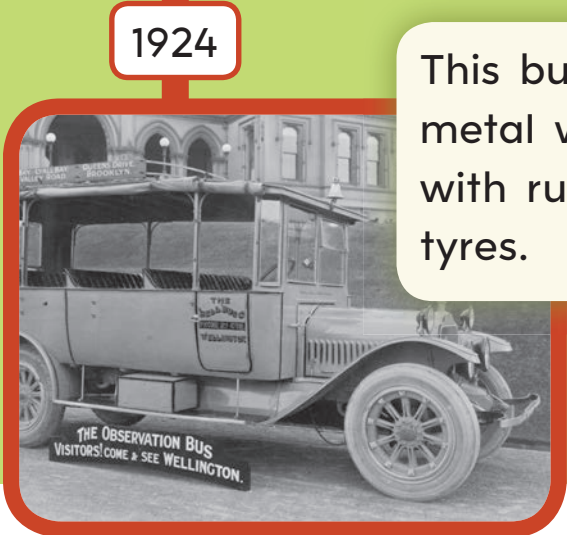
1951

The wheels on this bike have thick tyres to make riding comfortable.



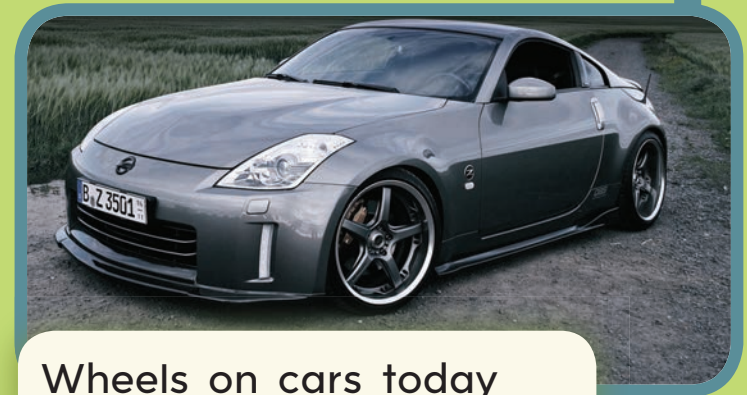
1890

This stagecoach has wooden wheels.



1924

This bus has metal wheels with rubber tyres.



Wheels on cars today have strong, tough tyres.

# How wheels work

A wheel has a hole in the middle for an **axle**. The axle goes through the middle of the wheel. The wheel turns round the axle.

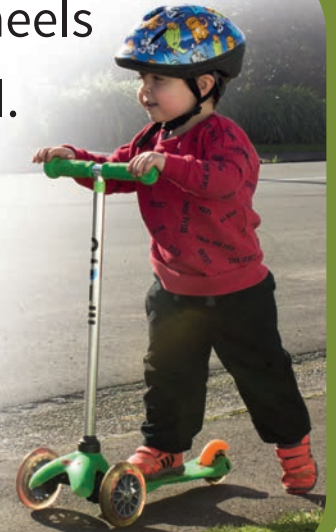


# Different sorts of wheels

Some wheels are big.



Some wheels are small.



Some wheels have **spokes**.



Some wheels are solid.

Most wheels have tyres.









# One, two, three wheels

Some vehicles have only one wheel.

Many vehicles have two wheels,  
and some have three wheels.

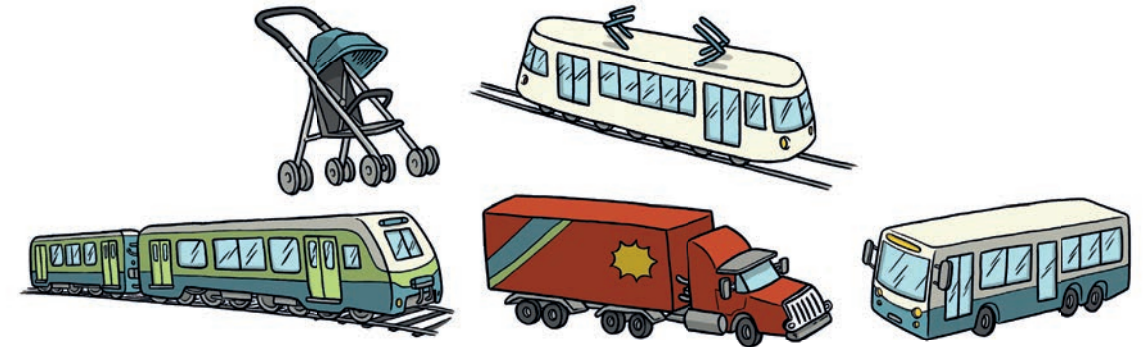
This table shows vehicles  
with one, two, or three wheels.

1 wheel	2 wheels	3 wheels
		
		
A <b>unicycle</b> has <b>one</b> wheel.	A <b>bicycle</b> has <b>two</b> wheels.	A <b>tricycle</b> has <b>three</b> wheels.

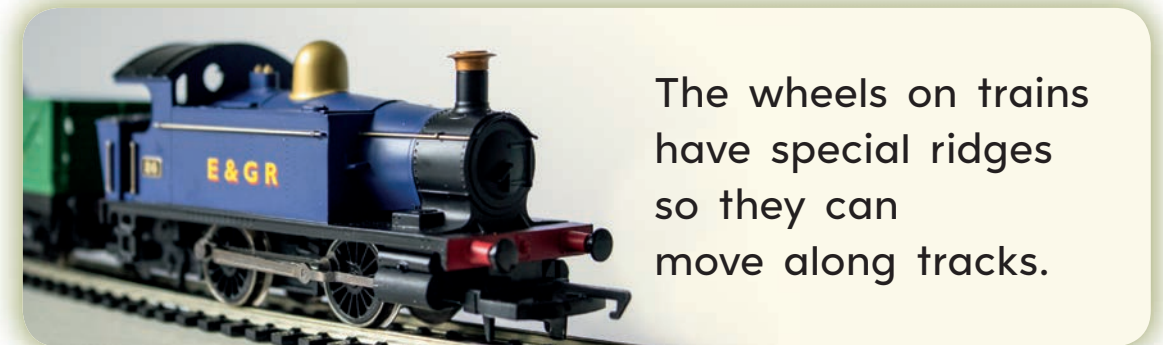
# Four and more wheels



Many vehicles have four wheels.



Some vehicles have more than four wheels.



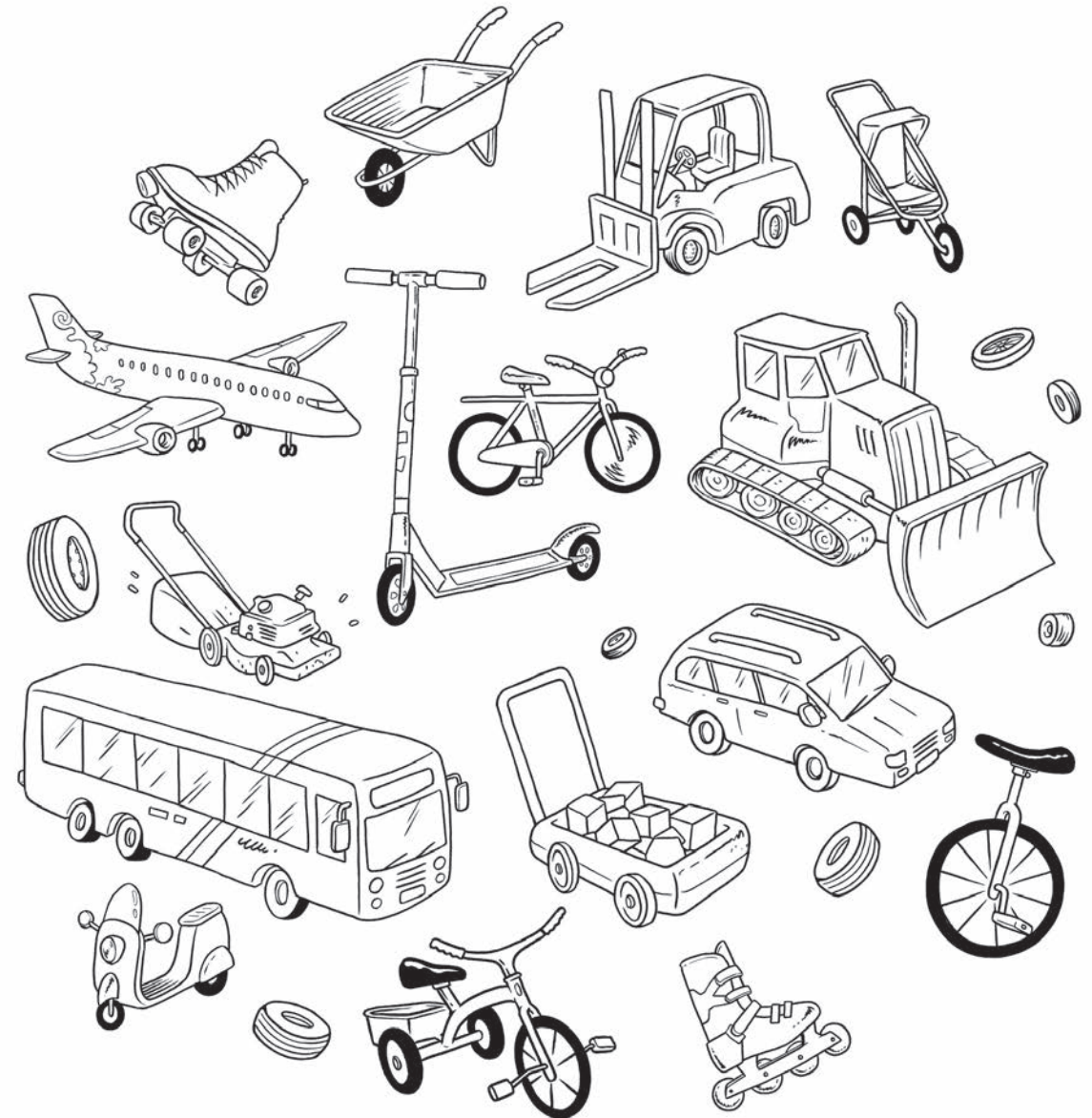
# Wonderful wheels

Wheels help us in many ways.  
They take us places, and they help us  
move things from place to place.  
Wheels can even move buildings!



In 1993, hundreds of wheels helped to move a hotel in Wellington from one side of a street to the other.

Where would we be without wheels?





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