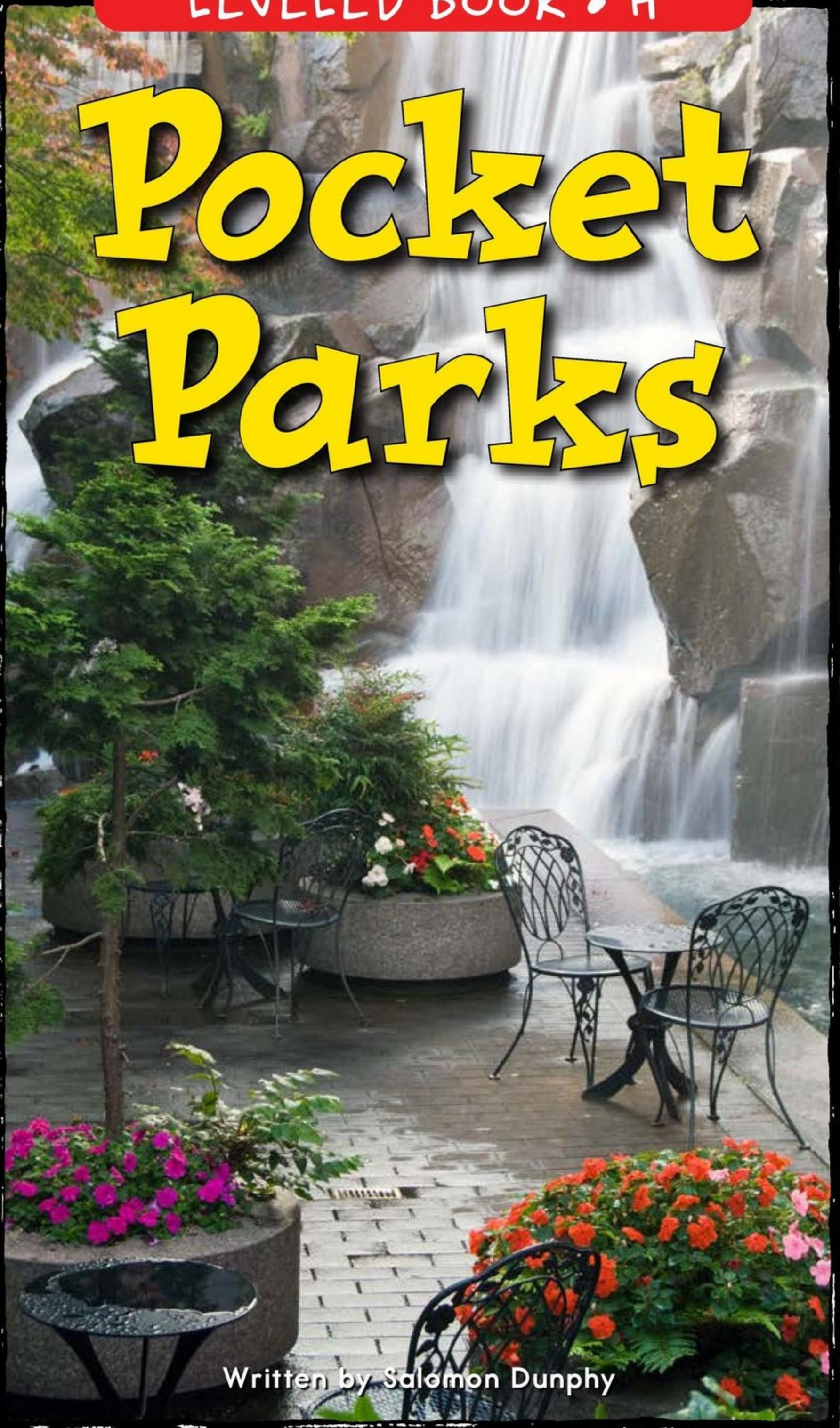


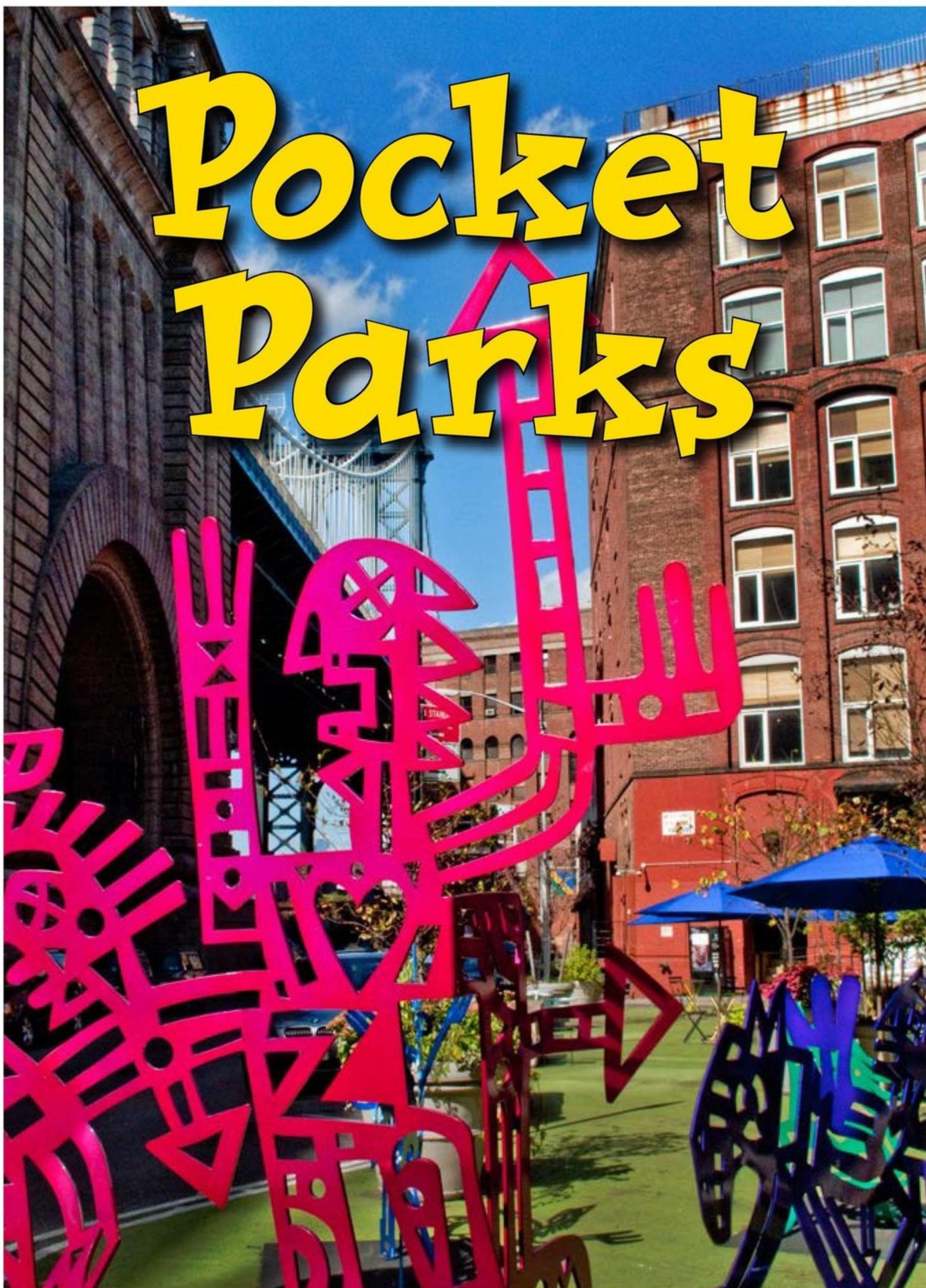
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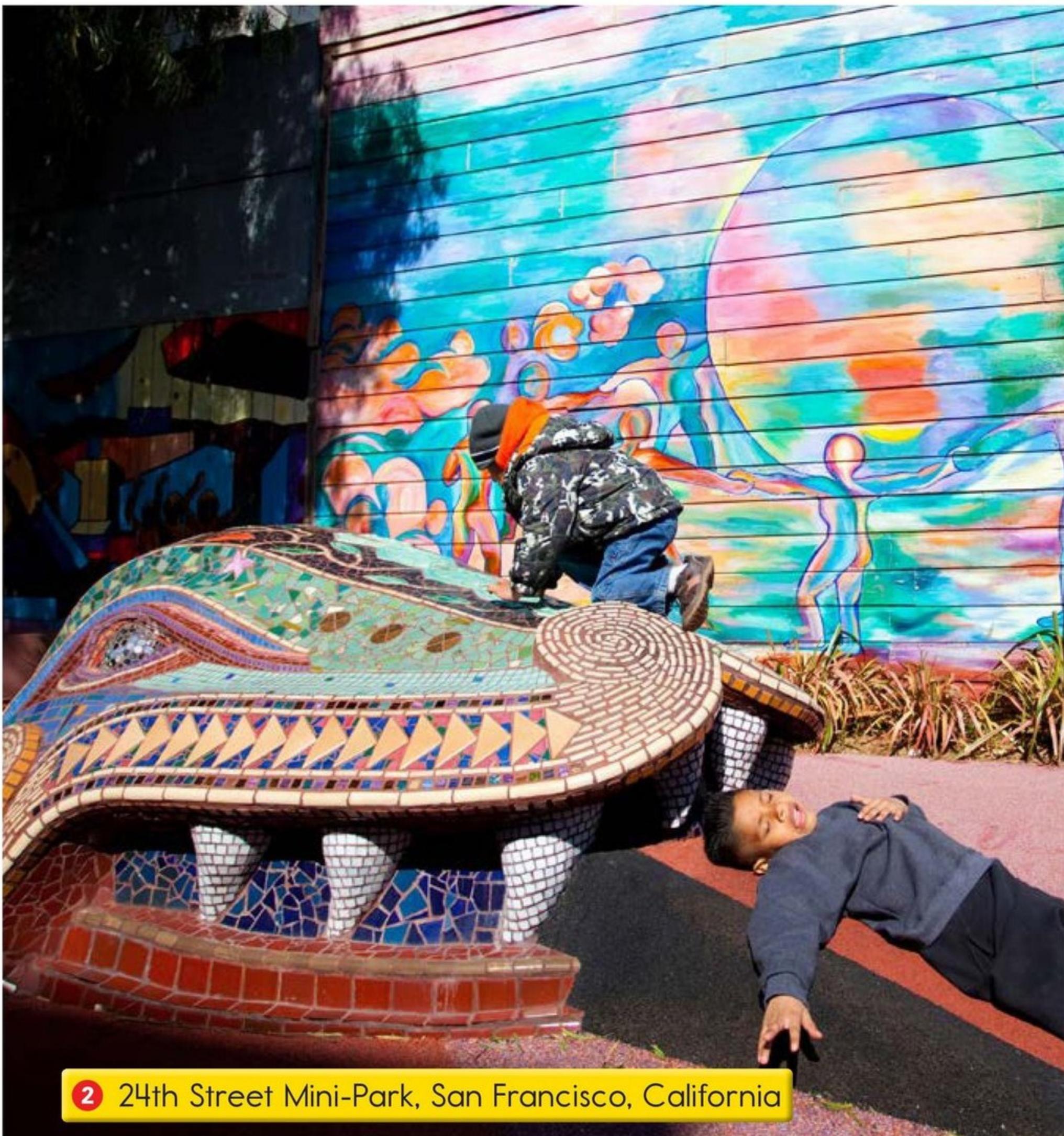
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① Perk Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio

## What Is a Pocket Park?

Some cities don't have space  
for big, grassy parks.  
That's why they build **pocket parks**  
instead.



② 24th Street Mini-Park, San Francisco, California

A pocket park is like a regular park,

only smaller.

A pocket park can take up

a city block.

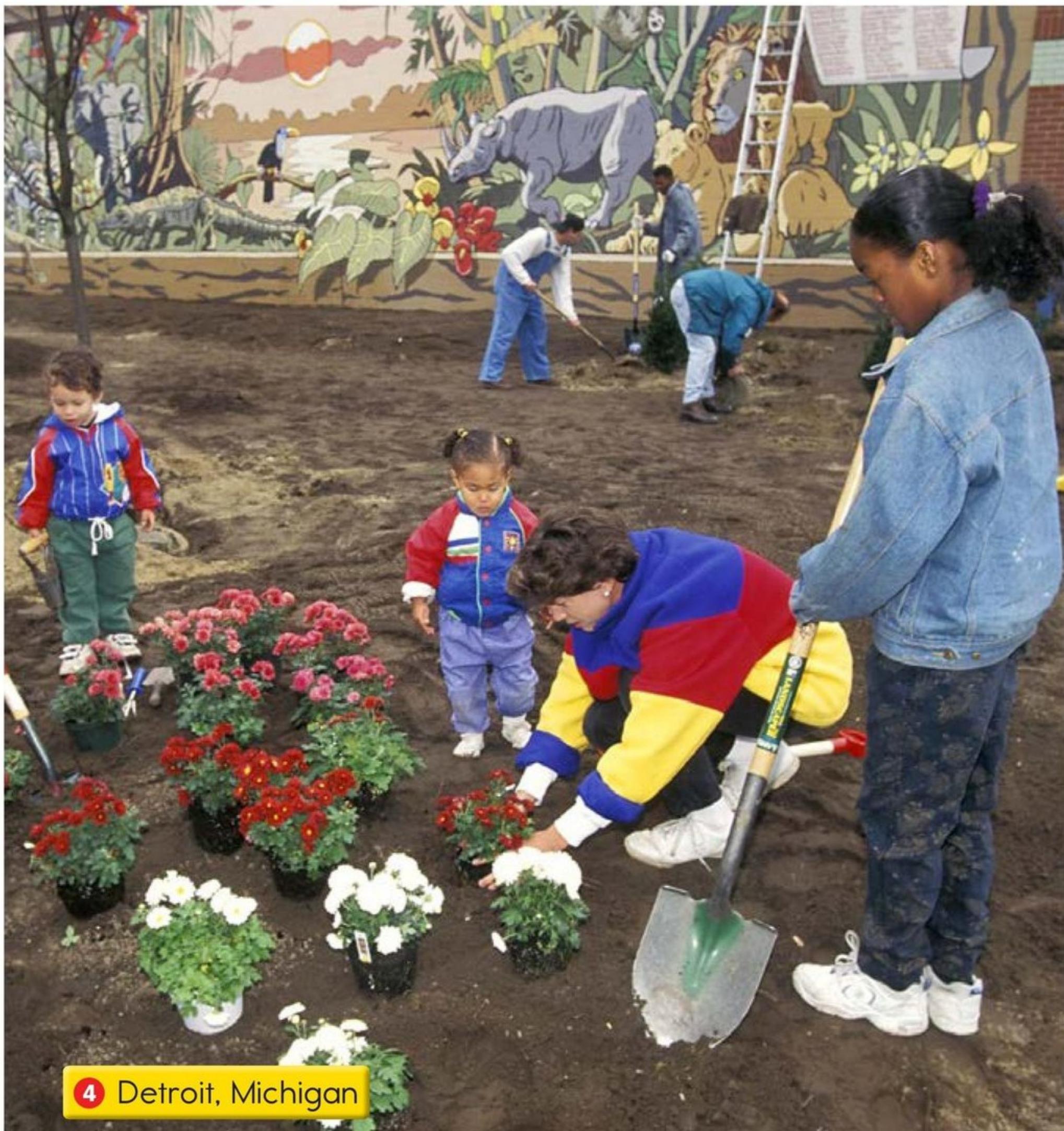
It can also be as small

as a parking space.



## Lots of Empty Lots

An empty **lot** is a great place  
for a pocket park.  
It can take many workers  
to build one.



People who live close by

can help, too.

They can plant flowers or trees.

They can also help keep the park  
clean and safe.

Every pocket park is different.



③ Paley Park, New York City, New York

## Different Pocket Parks

This pocket park has a **waterfall** at the back.

It also has many places for people to sit.



② 24th Street Mini-Park, San Francisco, California

Check out the colorful art at this pocket park.  
It has a swing to play on, too.



People **decorated** this pocket park  
with many lights.  
They twinkle at night.



8 Harriet Tubman Memorial Park, Boston, Massachusetts

An artist made a **statue**  
for this pocket park.  
It reminds people of someone  
important.



③ Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Park, New York City, New York

This pocket park has grass and  
a large pond.

People can come here to think.



⑥ Marsh Park, Los Angeles, California

A man paints a big snake and turtle  
in this pocket park.  
They look as if they would be fun  
to play on.



7 Waterfall Garden Park, Seattle, Washington

This tiny pocket park is almost hidden in trees.

People can **relax** and listen to the waterfall.



⑥ Marsh Park, Los Angeles, California

## Conclusion

Pocket parks can be found all over.  
Do you have a pocket park where  
you live?

## Glossary

<b>decorated</b> (v.)	made something more attractive by adding color or an ornament to it (p. 10)
<b>lot</b> (n.)	a piece of land (p. 6)
<b>pocket parks</b> (n.)	small areas of land used for play and exercise (p. 4)
<b>relax</b> (v.)	to spend time resting or doing things for pleasure (p. 14)
<b>statue</b> (n.)	a work of art, usually in the shape of a person or other animal (p. 11)
<b>waterfall</b> (n.)	a stream of water that falls over the edge of something, especially from a high place (p. 8)

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