

Animals Under Our Feet

A We Both Read Book

Level 1

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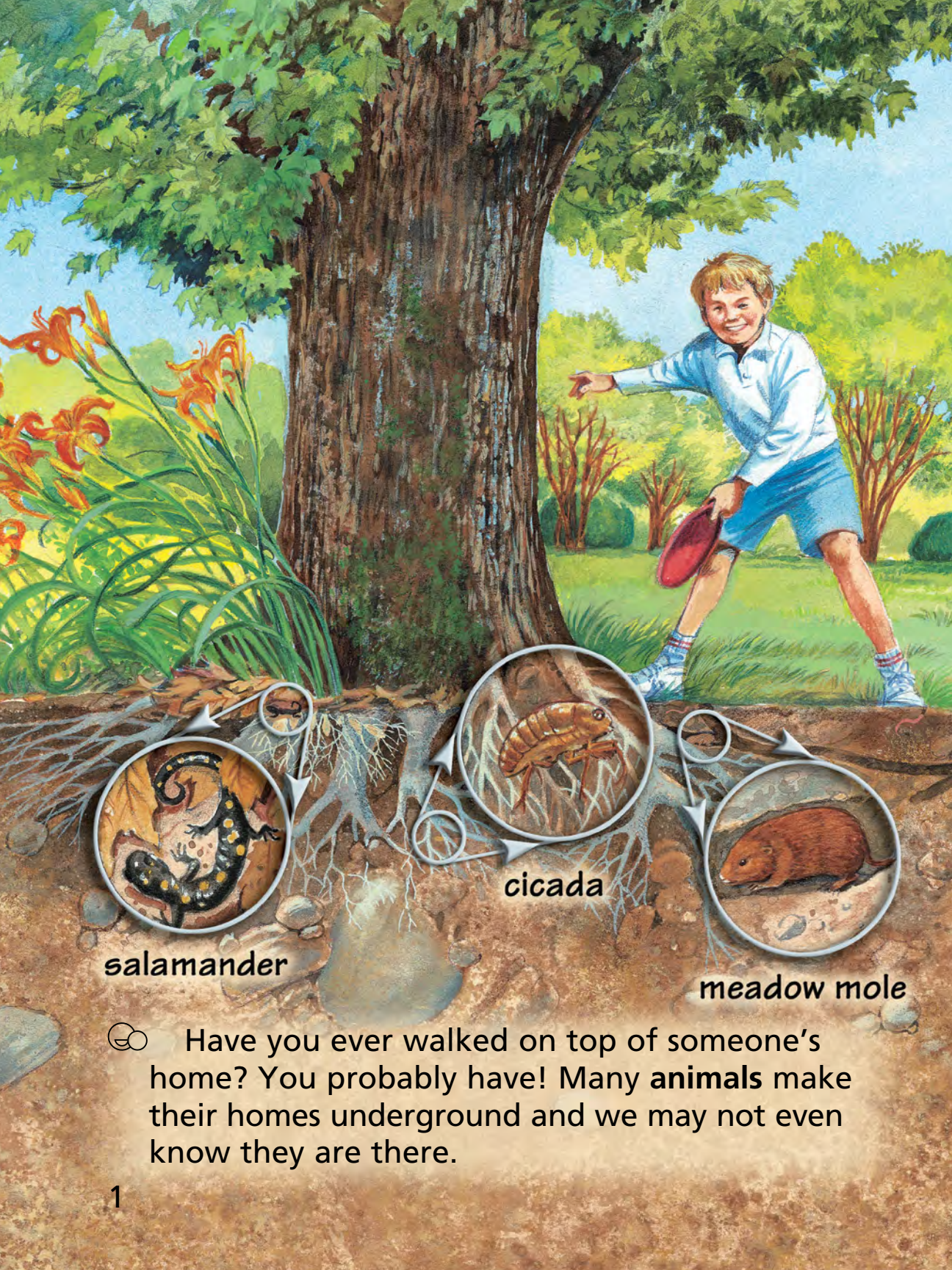
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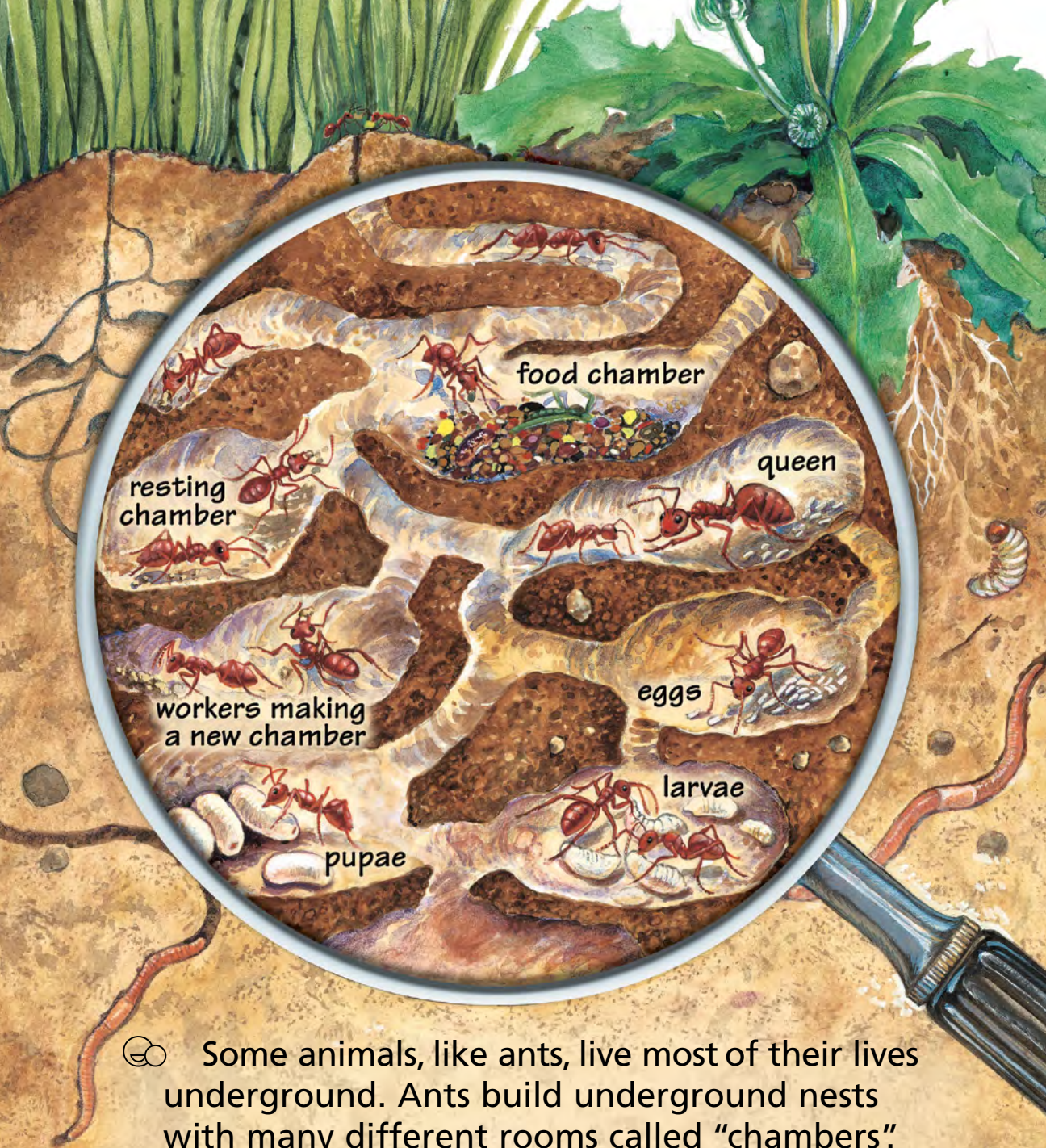
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Have you ever walked on top of someone's home? You probably have! Many **animals** make their homes underground and we may not even know they are there.



 What animals do you see?



☞ Some animals, like ants, live most of their lives underground. Ants build underground nests with many different rooms called "chambers". Some chambers are used for storing food.

Moles also spend most of their time underground. **Moles** have **claws** and are about the size of a large mouse.



👁️ **Moles** have small eyes, but they have big strong **claws**. They can use their **claws** to dig very fast.



Earthworms are almost always underground and they are very good for the earth. The worms eat their way through the dirt and digest whatever is in it. As they burrow through the ground, they also loosen the soil so that air can pass through it. This makes the soil rich and healthy. A large lawn with good soil can have many thousands of worms in it!



🔗 **Earthworms** may not be pretty, but they are very good for the plants and trees.



- ☉ **Meerkats** spend some time below ground and some time above ground. They live in large groups called "mobs". One meerkat stands watch to warn the others when danger approaches, then they all run into their underground burrows.



👁 **Meerkats** can stand on their back legs. They use their tail like another leg.