

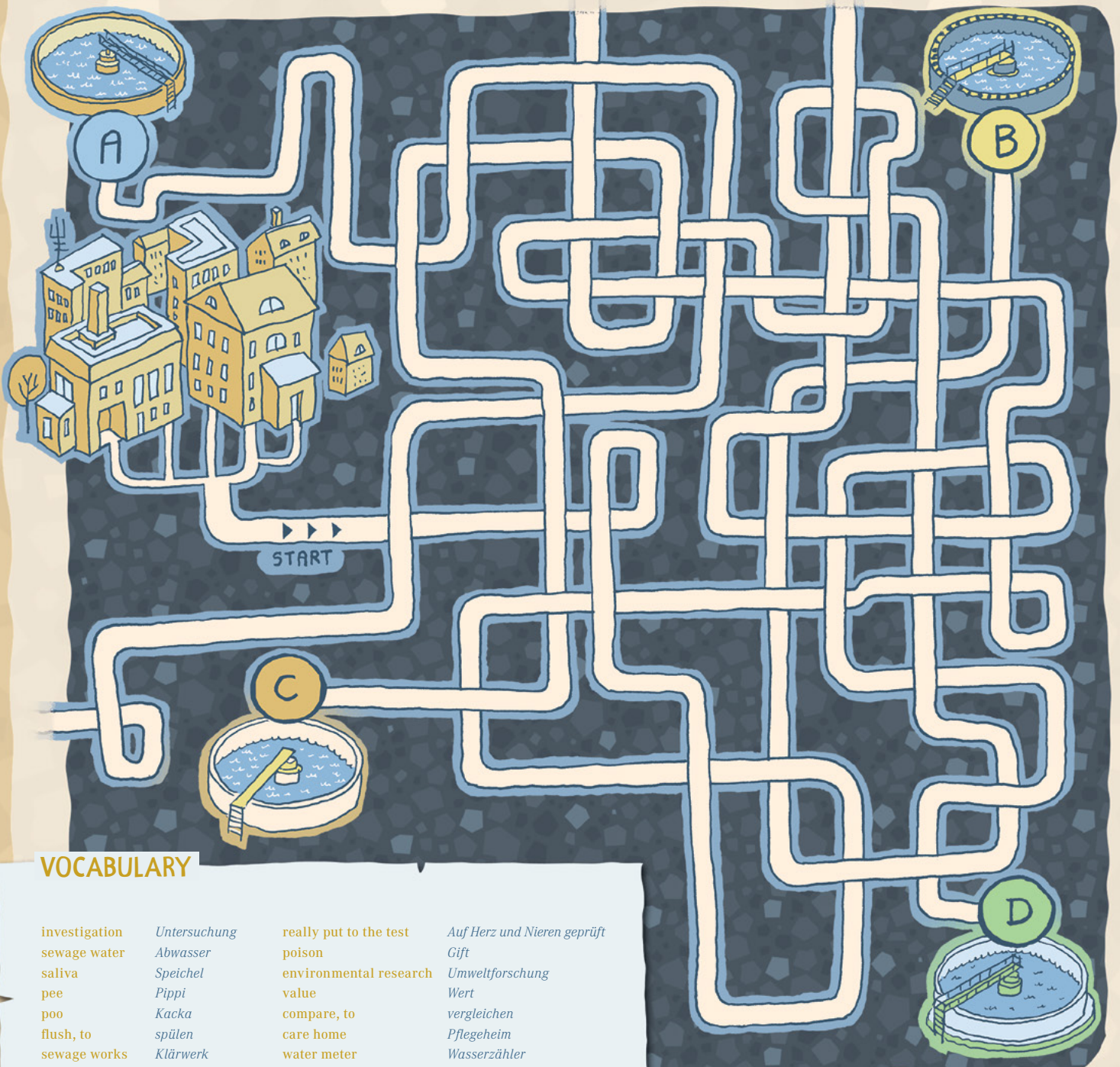
CORONA IN THE UNDERGROUND



This virus is everywhere! During my **investigations** below ground I came across SARS-CoV-2. In the **sewage water**! How did it get there? From the toilets! The virus is not only in your **saliva**, it can also be found in your **pee** and your **poo**! When the toilet is **flushed**, the dirty water ends up in the **sewage works**. It is **really put to the test**. You can find all sorts of things in the sewage water: **poisons**, micro plastics, heavy metals, bad bacteria, and also SARS-CoV-2. The Helmholtz Centre for **Environmental Research** in Leipzig says that with extremely precise measuring instruments you can even find mutations of the virus in the sewage water, including the British variation. In the Netherlands, the virus **values** in the sewage works are even reported in the news. If you **compare** the values with those from the day before, you can tell whether the Corona situation is getting better or worse. In theory,

you could even check the values from **care homes** and schools, say the people in Leipzig. You can see the number of infected people in it every day. It's a kind of (dirty) **water meter** for Corona.

🔍 This sewage system is a bit mixed up. Find out into which sewage works the dirty water from the houses flows.



VOCABULARY

investigation	<i>Untersuchung</i>	really put to the test	<i>Auf Herz und Nieren geprüft</i>
sewage water	<i>Abwasser</i>	poison	<i>Gift</i>
saliva	<i>Speichel</i>	environmental research	<i>Umweltforschung</i>
pee	<i>Pippi</i>	value	<i>Wert</i>
poo	<i>Kacka</i>	compare, to	<i>vergleichen</i>
flush, to	<i>spülen</i>	care home	<i>Pflegeheim</i>
sewage works	<i>Klärwerk</i>	water meter	<i>Wasserzähler</i>