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Where Does Water Go in a City?

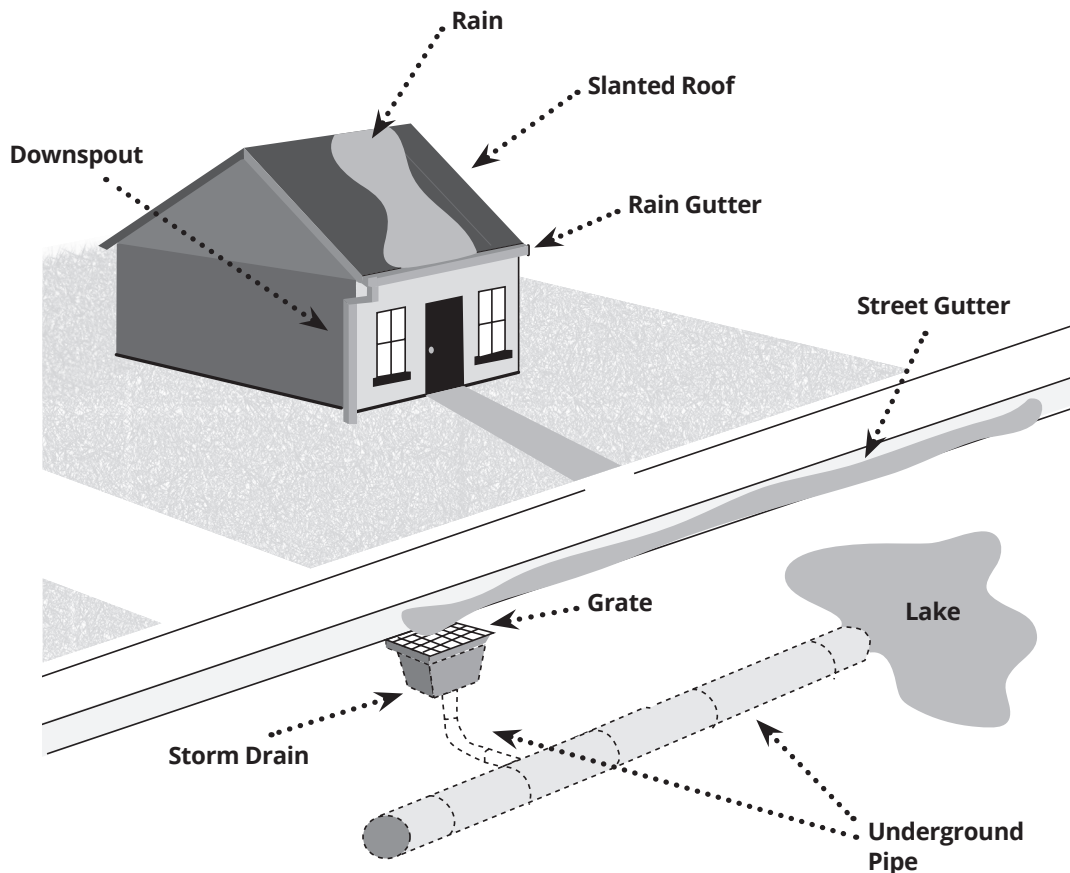


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A drainage system carries rain and melted snow out of the area.

How many of these parts of the system can you find in your neighborhood?

- Slanted roofs** shed water.
- Rain gutters** collect the water.
- Downspouts** carry the water to the ground.
- Water on the street flows downhill into **street gutters**, the place where the sidewalk and the street meet.
- Street gutters carry water to **storm drains** that let water fall beneath the street.
- The **grates** on storm drains stop large objects (and people!) from falling in.
- An **underground pipe** carries water out of a city or town.
- The water pours into a **large waterway**—a lake, river, or sea.



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