

UNDER THE CITY STREETS

Read the text and choose the correct word.

While skyscraper offices and elegant apartment blocks remain the public (1)_____ of most major cities, these cities also have a mass of secret tunnels and hidden pipes below ground which keep everything working. This other world exists, forgotten or neglected by all but a tiny (2)_____ of engineers and historians.

For example, there are more than 150 kilometers of rivers under the streets of London. Most have been (3)_____ over and, sadly, all that (4)_____ is their names. Perhaps the greatest (5)_____ to the city is the River Fleet, a (6)_____ great river which previously had beautiful houses on its (7)_____ it now goes underground in the north of the city and (8)_____ into the River Thames by Blackfriars Bridge.

The London Underground (9)_____ 1,000 kilometers of underground railway track winding under the capital and more than 100 stations below street level. Along some underground railway lines, commuters can sometimes catch a (10)_____ glimpse of the platforms of more than 40 closed stations which have been left under the city. (11)_____ some are used as film sets, most (12)_____ forgotten. Some have had their entrances on the street turned into restaurants shops, but most entrances have been (12)_____ down.

