

At Home Around the World by Lucy Floyd



All people need shelter. Shelters give us safety and a place to rest. A house is a shelter. A house can be big or small. It can be tall and skinny or low and boxy. What kind of house would you like best? Some houses are new. Other houses are very old. They have been standing in the same spot for years and years. Some houses are for one or two people. Lots of people live in apartment houses! Houses in different parts of the world are different. In hot lands, houses need to keep out the sun and let in a breeze. In frosty lands, houses are shelters from wind and snow. They help people keep warm. People make shelters from things around them. They can use trees or branches. They can use mud, rocks, or grass. People have made shelters from cloth, animal hair, and blocks of snow! This is a tepee. It is made with animal skins. The people who made tepees were hunters. They needed homes that were easy to take with them on a hunt. Other people made homes that would last. Some houses could hold only one family. Other houses were made to hold lots of people. In hot places, people baked clay bricks in the sun. Then they made houses with the bricks. In the far north, people made shelters from big blocks of snow! People there still use these shelters on hunting trips. People made houses from other things, too. Some people made houses out of dirt and grass. They called them sod houses. What do you think they did when it rained? Some houses today are like houses from the past. In the sandy desert, some people live in tents. Others make houses with clay bricks. Thick walls keep out the sand and sun. This house sits up on stilts. The stilts keep the house above water. Some people live in houses that float! This boat is called a junk. In the past, junks were floating homes. They still are today. Lots of people like to live on the water. This is a house on wheels. It can stop in one spot or move on. It has many things you can find in a house. All around the world, we see all sorts of houses! Think about your own dream house. What will it be?

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