



# Homes Around the World

## Subject Area

The World of Arts & Social Studies

## Topics & Curriculum Links

building materials (Science; Technology)

homes and climates (Geography)

sizes and measurements (Mathematics)

shapes (Technology; Mathematics)

energy and the environment (Science; Civics)

poverty and being homeless (Civics)

countries (Geography)

dates and events (History)

## Vocabulary

homes; rooms; materials; shapes; weather; climates; places; transportation; measurements; dates; numbers; countries; nationalities; continents

## Grammar

present simple; present continuous; past simple; future simple; question forms; imperative; passive; adjectives; prepositions; adverbs

## Teaching Ideas

See also [pages 6–7](#) for general ideas that you can adapt. Or go to [www.oup.com/elt/teacher/readanddiscover](http://www.oup.com/elt/teacher/readanddiscover)

### Famous Homes Research

After reading Chapter 5, students do research, using books or the Internet, about another famous home. They can write about their findings and display the information, using the models in Chapter 5 for guidance. Students can work in groups, and posters can then be displayed together.

### READ & TALK An Unusual Home Design

After completing Project 2, students present their unusual home design to the rest of the class. They can write and talk about it like this: *My home is made of ... It has ... The ... is used for ... It's unusual because ...* They then display all the designs together, and students write comments on each other's design. Then they can vote for their favorite design.

### Homes Research

Students choose a type of material that is used to build homes or things inside homes, for example, wood, glass, stone. Or they can choose a part of the world, or a particular climate, and find out about homes built there. They do research using books or the Internet, and then write about their findings and display the information. Students can work in groups, and posters can then be displayed together.

### READ & TALK A Homes Debate

Students work in groups. Give each group a type of home, for example, house, cave, apartment, houseboat, igloo, castle. Ask students to think of all the advantages of living in this type of home, like this: *It's good to live in a ... because it's / you can ...* Then ask each group in turn to present their arguments, and any group can argue back with arguments against. Give a prize for the most convincing argument!

## Activities Answers

**Pages 36–37** 1 1 stone house 2 mud house 3 wooden house 4 castle 5 cave 6 straw house 2 1 50,000; 2 5,000; 3 3,400; 4 2,400; 5 2,000; 3 1 false 2 true 3 true 4 false 5 false 6 false 4 e, d, f, a, b, c 1 Mix mud and straw. 2 Put the mixture into molds. 3 Leave the molds in the sun. 4 Build a wall. 5 Leave holes for windows and doors. 6 Put wet mud on the wall.

**Pages 38–39** 1 1 cottage (Country) 2 terraced houses (City) 3 skyscraper (City) 4 bungalow (City and Country) 5 detached house (Country) 2 1 false 2 true 3 false 4 true 5 false 6 false 7 true 8 false 3 **example answers** 1 Houses in a row are called *terraced*. 2 Tall buildings in cities are called *skyscrapers*. 3 Rich people sometimes live in mansions. 4 Houses in the country often have gardens. 5 *Detached* houses have space all around them. 4 free answers

**Pages 40–41** 1 1 polar 2 mountainous 3 tropical 4 desert 5 temperate 2 free answer 3 Polar: cold, windy, snowy, icy; Tropical: hot, wet, sunny; Desert: hot, cold, windy, sunny, dry; Temperate: mild, sunny 4 1 hot 2 snow 3 mild 4 stone 5 cold 6 wet 7 floods 8 underground 9 **example answer** A *chalet* has a long sloping roof. 10 **example answer** Houses in tropical climates are often built on *stilts*.

**Pages 42–43** 1 1 boat 2 wagon 3 tent 4 wagon 5 tent 6 wagon 7 boat 2 1 tent 2 motor home 3 houseboat 4 wagon 3 1 Teepees are made from animal skins. 2 Some houseboats are floating shops. 3 Canal boats are long and thin. 4 Wagons were pulled by oxen. 5 Many people like to go camping. 6 The Uros people make floating houses. 4 1 Because their animals need fresh grass to eat. 2 So that they can travel along narrow rivers or canals. 3 They are pulled by horses. 4 They sleep in tents and cook their food outside.

**Pages 44–45** 1 1 The White House 2 Topkapi Palace 3 Windsor Castle 4 The Forbidden City 2 1 The Queen of the United Kingdom has two homes. 2 In November 1992 there was a fire at Windsor Castle. 3 The White House is in the USA. 4 43 presidents have lived in the White House. 5 The Forbidden City is in Beijing. 6 The Forbidden City took 15 years to build. 3 Buckingham Palace: gardens, art gallery, flag; The White House: gardens, movie theater, flag, swimming pool; Topkapi Palace: gardens, museum; The Forbidden City: high walls, gardens, museum, moat **example answer** 1 The Forbidden City has high walls. 2 Buckingham Palace, the White House, Topkapi Palace and the Forbidden City have gardens. 3 Topkapi Palace and the Forbidden City have museums. 4 Buckingham Palace has an art gallery. 5 The Forbidden City has a moat. 6 The White House has a movie theater. 7 Buckingham Palace and the White House have flags. 8 The White House has a swimming pool.

**Pages 46–47** 1 Natural: mud, wood, stone; Man-Made: concrete, glass, bottles, cans, plastic, bricks 2 1 Cave homes today are very comfortable. 2 The cave homes in Guadix have chimneys to let air in. 3 Cave homes today do have Internet connections. 4 The Toraja houses have roofs shaped like boats. 5 Architects sometimes copy things from nature. 3 1 chimneys, windows, water, electricity (also television and Internet) 2 car tires, cans, plastic bottles, mud 3 Antonio Gaudi, Frank Lloyd Wright 4 Spain, USA, El Salvador, Japan (also Indonesia) 4 free answer

**Pages 48–49** 1 1 orphanage 2 old people's home 3 refugee camp 4 *tulou* 2 1 Some old people live near their families. 2 A *tulou* is made of mud. 3 A *yano* doesn't have any walls. 4 Children with no parents are called orphans. 5 Some people's homes are destroyed by floods. 6 About 12 million people live in refugee camps. 3 1 2 or 3; 2 800; 3 400; 4 3 or 4; 5 1; 6 0; 4 1 In a refugee camp. 2 They can talk, play games, and keep each other company. 3 They can look after the children while the parents work. 4 It's made from leaves. 5 They sleep in hammocks. 6 It's a big home where children with no parents live.

**Pages 50–51** 1 1 friendly 2 sun 3 television 4 fridge 5 waterproof 6 concrete 7 energy 8 damages 9 space 10 wind 11 computer; the secret word is: environment 2 1 float 2 bad 3 wind 4 warm 5 Brick 6 cheap 3 free answer