

We shall learn :

- Types of houses
- A good house
- Clothes and fibres
- Clothes and the climate

2 Housing and Clothing



WARM UP

Tick (✓) the things you need to protect yourself from heat, cold and rain:



tree



house



cow



clothes



umbrella

We need a house to live in. A house protects us from heat, cold and rain. It protects us from thieves and animals too.

Types of Houses

People live in different types of houses.

Houses in villages are mostly made up of mud, wood and straw. They are not very strong. These houses are called **kuchcha houses**.

Houses in cities are made of bricks, iron and cement. These houses are called **pucca houses**.

People who roam around from place to place are called nomads. They live in **tents or caravans**.



kuchcha house



pucca house



caravan



tent

Some people also make houses on boats. These houses are called **houseboats**.

In very cold places, like the Arctic, people cut blocks of ice to make houses called **igloos**.

Houses on mountains have sloping roofs, so that snow and rain can slide down easily.

In places where it rains a lot, houses are made on poles called **stilts**.



houseboat



igloo



houses on mountains



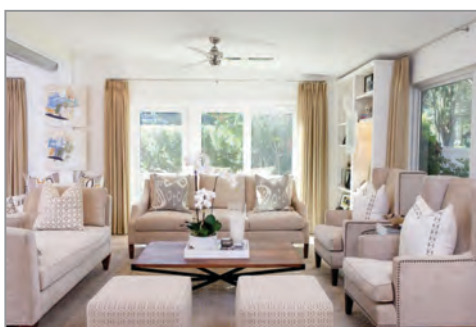
stilt house

A Good House

A good house can be big or small. A good house should have separate rooms for sitting, sleeping, bathing, cooking and storage. When the house is small, we use a room for more than one purpose.

Every room in the house should be airy and well-lit. Sunlight keeps the room dry and free from germs.


Doors and windows may have a wire-netting to keep flies and mosquitoes away. Doors, windows and ventilators let in fresh air and sunlight.



airy room with sunshine



window with wire-netting

 **Wisdom Corner**
Some people live in tree-houses. These are made of bamboo and leaves.

Cleanliness is a basic requirement for good health. As you keep yourself clean, you should also keep your house clean and tidy. Living in a dirty house can cause many diseases.



Throw household waste into dustbins.



Keep things in the right place.



Clean and mop household appliances daily.




Use germ killers while mopping floors.

A good house should have sufficient supply of water and proper **drainage system** to carry dirty water out of the house. Mosquitoes breed in uncovered drains or in dirty water collected near the house. Mosquitoes spread diseases like malaria and dengue (say DAYN-GI). So, drains from the kitchen and bathroom should be covered.

Clothes And Fibres

We need clothes to cover our body and to keep it warm. Clothes also protect us from the heat, cold, rain and insect bites. We wear clothes made of different types of cloth materials. Cloth is made from **fibres**. Fibres can be natural or man-made.

 **Wisdom Corner**
Early man used the skin of animals to cover his body.

Natural fibres are those which we obtain from either plants or animals.



cotton plant



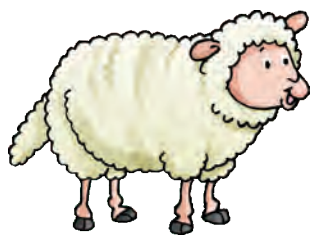
shirt



rubber plant



shoes and bag



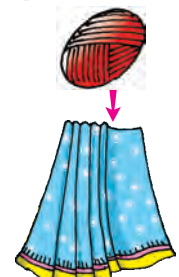
sheep



sweater



silkworm



saree

Man-made fibres are also called synthetic fibres.



terrycotton shirt



polyester curtain



nylon rope

Clothes And the Climate

We wear clothes made of different materials according to the climate.

When it is hot, we wear clothes made of cotton and jute. Cotton and jute keep our body cool.



summer clothes



woollen clothes



raincoat, gumboots and umbrella

When it is cold, we wear clothes made of wool and silk. Woollen and silk clothes keep our body warm. In very cold places, like the mountains, it snows. So people living in such areas, wear clothes made of fur to keep themselves warm.

In the rainy season, we use raincoats and umbrellas made of water-proof rubber material.



Glossary

Stilts

Posts that give support to the house such that it is high above the ground or water

Drainage system

A network of pipes that carry dirty water away

Fibre

Material that clothes are made of

Natural fibres

Fibres that we get from plants and animals

Synthetic fibres

Fibres that are man-made

Question Hour-I



A Tick (✓) the correct answer :

1. A house made up of mud, wood and straw is called a :
(a) kuchcha house (b) pucca house (c) tent
2. Houses made on poles are called :
(a) caravans (b) stilts (c) houseboat
3. Sunlight keeps the room dry and free from :
(a) germs (b) houseflies (c) insects
4. Which of the following is obtained from plants ?
(a) cotton (b) wool (c) silk

B Fill in the blanks with the correct words :

dengue, malaria, cotton, nomads, airy, well-lit

1. People who roam around from place to place are called _____ .
2. Every room in the house should be _____ and _____ .
3. Mosquitoes spread diseases like _____ and _____ .
4. Cloth is made from _____ .

C Match the columns :

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Sloping roofs | (a) carries dirty water away |
| 2. Wire-netting | (b) water flows down easily |
| 3. Ventilators and windows | (c) keeps insects out |
| 4. Drainage system | (d) let air and sunlight in |

D Answer the following questions :

1. Why do we need a house?
2. Write any two features of a good house.
3. How are netted doors and windows useful?
4. What are natural fibres?
5. Why do we wear cotton clothes in summer, and woollen clothes in winter?

Think Beyond HOTS 

1. Why should a good house have windows, doors and proper wire netting?
2. Do people in cold places wear woollen clothes?

Question Hour-II



Circle the odd one in each group. Give the reason for your answer :

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|------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. Ant | Cockroach | Mosquito | Cat | Insect |
| 2. Sofa | Picture frame | Centre table | Cooking gas | Chair |
| 3. Dusting | Sweeping | Bathing | Cleaning | Cobwebs |
| 4. Mop | Vacuum cleaner | Toilet brush | Cooker | Broom |

Fun to Drill



Unscramble the words given below to get names of some items of clothing :

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|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. ROCKF | _____ | 2. TERWEAS | _____ |
| 3. IRTSH | _____ | 4. OATC | _____ |
| 5. PAC | _____ | 6. COATRAN | _____ |

Fun to Act



Make shoebox house :

Cut out windows and a door in a shoebox. Stick cellophane paper on the windows. Make a dish antenna with a piece of soft wire and cellophane paper. Fix it on a base. Make a fence with matchsticks. Decorate your house and its garden with coloured paper, gravel and shells.

