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## Types of Houses

Focus On

◆ Various Types of Houses



HERE WE GO.....

Two pictures are given below. Observe them and write about them in the given space:



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### Fact Byte

Animals also need houses to live. Some animals find shelters and some make their homes.



## What is a House?

A house is a place we all use to live in. It keeps us safe from heat, cold, rain, wind and other harmful things like thieves, robbers and wild animals etc.

A house may be a kachcha house or a pucca house.

### Pucca House

It is made of cement, bricks, iron, steel, stones, etc. It is a strong house. These type of houses are found mainly in cities. A bungalow and a flat are pucca houses.

### Kachcha House

It is made of thatch, mud, straw, etc. It is not a very strong house. It is found mainly in villages. We also call them **huts**.

## Various Kinds of Houses

There are various types of houses. Houses are built according to the area, its climate, materials available, and how much space and money is available to build the house.

### Fact Byte

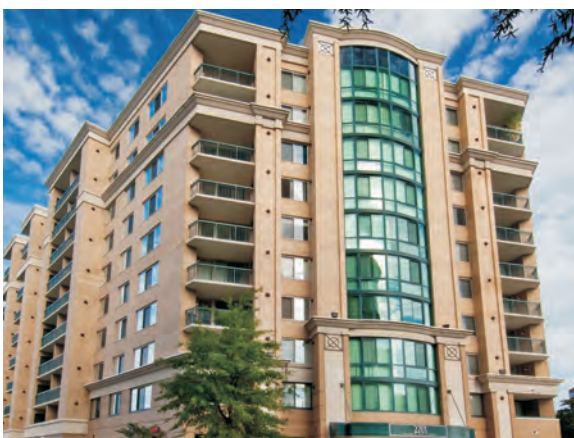
**Skyscrapers** : Very tall buildings which seem to touch the clouds.

### Bungalow

A very big and grand house is called a bungalow. It has a big lawn and green area inside the entry gate.



A bungalow



Flats in multistorey building

### Flats

In big cities and towns, houses are built on the top of each other. The buildings having many storeys are called multistorey buildings. They may have many storeys and many flats on each storey. The people use lifts to go from one storey to another.



## Stilt Houses

**Stilt houses** are found in heavy rainfall area. These houses are made on stilts, that are long poles of wood, so that rainwater cannot enter the houses. The roofs of these houses are made with slop so that the rainwater does not collect on them.



A stilt house



A houseboat

## Houseboats

**Houseboats** can be seen in Kashmir and Kerala. These are houses on boats. They float on water. The people living on the banks of lakes and rivers use them. They are also used for tourism.

## Igloo

Houses made of block's of ice are called **igloo**. The people called **Inuits** live in Igloos. They live in the areas that are covered with snow all the time.



An igloo



A tent

## Tents

**Tents** are made of canvas. These are fold able houses and can be taken any where. People use them while travelling to mountains and forests. Soldiers also use tents to live in.



## Caravan

**Caravans** are houses that move on wheels. They can be taken anywhere by driving like a van.



A caravan



### LET'S DO



Ask your teacher about a tree house.

### Fact Byte

An architect, a mason, a carpenter, a plumber, an electrician, a painter etc. are the people who help us to build our houses.



### Flash On

- ◆ We use the house to live in. It protects us from cold, heat, rain, thieves, etc.
- ◆ Houses may be kachcha or pucca.
- ◆ There are various types of houses.



### Picture Review



**Igloo** : House made in snow-covered areas with ice blocks.

**Houseboat** : House made on boat, floats on water.





## Stir Up Your Mind

### A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. A kachcha house is made of :

(a) mud

(b) bricks

2. A pucca house is a \_\_\_\_\_ house.

(a) temporary

(b) permanent

3. Stilt houses are made in \_\_\_\_\_ area.

(a) heavy rainfall

(b) snow-covered

4. Igloo is made of :

(a) ice blocks

(b) wood

5. Tents are made of :

(a) wood

(b) canvas

### B. Fill in the blanks by choosing words from the help box :

caravan, houseboats, bricks, folding, stilt

1. Tents are \_\_\_\_\_ houses.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ are floating houses.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ houses have slopy roofs.

4. Pucca house is made of cement and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ move on wheels.

### C. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements :

1. There are various kinds of houses.

2. Igloo is made on wooden poles.

3. Caravans are moving houses.

4. Tents move on wheels.

5. Kachcha houses are not so strong.

### D. Complete the following sentences :

1. We live in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A house keeps us safe from \_\_\_\_\_.



- A pucca house is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A kachcha house is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We find igloos in \_\_\_\_\_.

**E. Answer the following questions :**

- What is a house?
- Which harmful things does a house protect us from?
- What materials are used to make a kachcha house?
- Define the following :
  - Stilt House
  - Tent
- What is an igloo?



**Practice Time**

**F. Tick (✓) the correct answer :**

- Which is not a moving house?








- Which is a stilt house?

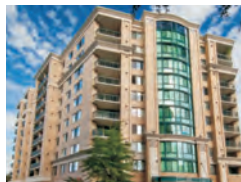







- In which of these houses did early men live?








**Do It**

Make a model of igloo by using cotton, thermocol and cardboard.

**Tip For Teacher**

Tell children about the homeless people and encourage them to help those people under the supervision of their elders.

