

Where People Live

Audio CD Section 3: Expanded Story

(Page 2) Different people live in different houses.

What kind of house do you live in? **Let's take a trip around the world and see how, where, and why people live in different houses.** The first country we're visiting is in Europe. **Look! This house is called a castle. It is in France. It is big, old, and beautiful. A rich person built it, many years ago.** There are still many old castles in Europe that people can visit.

(Page 4) **This house is built high in the mountains in Switzerland.** Switzerland is also a country in Europe. Switzerland has many beautiful high mountains. **It snows a lot there, in winter. The house is made of wood and stone, and it is very warm inside. The house needs a strong roof because the snow is heavy. The roof is also wide, so it keeps the snow away from the walls.** Does it snow in your country?

(Page 6) There is always snow near the North Pole, so people use the snow to build houses. **This house is made of big blocks of snow and it is called an igloo. Igloos look cold on the outside but they can be really warm inside. A hunter can build an igloo for himself in a few hours, but his dogs have to sleep outside in the snow.** The dogs have very thick fur. The fur keeps them warm, so they don't need to live in an igloo.

(Page 8) **In Africa, where the weather is warmer, some people build houses out of grass and mud.** They cut the long grass in the fields, and add water to sand to make mud. **The thick mud walls keep the house nice and cool. The grass on the roof keeps out the heavy rain.** The houses are small and round. **There is only one room in each hut. If you want your own room you can build another hut.** Many people build their huts close together to make a village.

(Page 10) Some people live in tropical rainforests in different parts of the world. **In some hot tropical rainforests people build their houses off the ground, on long pieces of wood called stilts.** The wood for the stilts and the walls comes from trees in the nearby forest. **If the house is off the ground, the air can flow under the house and keep it cool. It's also hard for wild animals to come and visit if your house is on stilts.**

(Page 12) **In very hot dry countries people often build houses out of clay.** The houses have flat roofs and look like squares. The houses are built on top of each other. **The houses don't have many windows. The small windows and narrow doors keep the sunshine and the heat out. At night you can sleep up on the flat roof under the moon and stars.** Can you sleep on the roof of your house?

(Page 14) **Many thousands of years ago, most people lived in caves. They were the first houses.** In those days, people didn't know how to build houses, and caves were safe and warm. **Some people still live in caves, but now they are bigger and more comfortable, and they have doors and windows.**

It sometimes takes a long time to build these houses, but they never fall down. Would you like to live in a cave?

(Page 16) **Some people like to live near the water.**

Venice is in Italy. The houses in Venice are built right on the water. In this city there are no roads or traffic lights. Here the roads are waterways. **There are no cars in Venice, and people get around by boat. The taxis are boats, and even the buses are boats.** Would you like to go to school by boat?

(Page 18) **Some people live in a house and some people work on a boat. These lucky people in India live on a houseboat.** Living on a houseboat is not like living in a house. You can move your houseboat to a new place any time you like! **Houseboats are usually made of wood and they are often very beautiful.**

People cook, wash, eat, and sleep on their boats. Look at the picture. How do you think the people get on and off their boat?

(Page 20) **Some houses have a special shape.** The shape can tell you something about the people that live there. **This Chinese house has three sides, built around a courtyard. In the past, Chinese people had big families.** It was easy for a family of more than twenty people to live in a house like this. **The grandparents lived in one part of the house, and the parents and children lived in other parts. On special days they all got together in the courtyard.** A big happy family in a big house is a good thing for Chinese people.

(Page 22) **In some parts of the world people have to be careful how they build their houses.** This is a house in Japan. **In Japan there are many earthquakes. In the past Japanese people built their houses out of wood and paper, because they are light. In an earthquake, a house like this is safer than a house made of bricks or stone.** If the house falls down, the people inside the house will not be very seriously hurt. (Page 24) **Some houses can be a lot of fun. Can you imagine climbing a tree to get into your house? It must be great fun. These people live in a tree house, because it's cooler, safer, and really high up.** It is not easy to build a house like this. You need to find some tall, strong trees and a lot of branches. If you live in a tree house like this, you must be a good climber. **This tree house is in Papua New Guinea. The view from up there is really wonderful.**

(Page 26) **If you don't want to live in a tree, you can always live underground.** People who live in underground houses don't have to worry about the weather. The house is safe from storms and strong winds. **This strange house in England is built to save energy. The thick walls are covered in grass and the windows are in the roof.** The windows bring sunlight into the dark underground house. **It's warm in the winter and cool in the summer. What a great place to live!**

(Page 28) A house is not just four walls, a roof, a door, and some windows. It is a comfortable place you live in. It is a home. **If you really like your house, but you have to move, why not take your house with you? This is how you do it. You need a truck and a very big trailer.** You also need some people to help

you! **You put your house on the trailer and take it to your new address. You must drive slowly and watch out for low bridges!** When you get to your new address, your favorite house is still your home. **(Page 30)** Some people don't like to stay in the same place for a long time, but they still like to live in a home. **If you like to travel around and see different places, this is the best home for you. It has everything from a bathroom to a kitchen, and a bedroom to a living room.** You can eat and sleep, take a shower, and watch TV in this camper – **it even has wheels. So you can drive across the country without ever leaving your home.**

Audio CD Section 4: Picture Dictionary

bear There is a big bear in the forest; **boat** People get around by boat in Venice; **branch** The tree has a broken branch; **brick** Bricks are used to build houses; **bridge** There's a bridge over the river; **butterfly** That's a beautiful butterfly! **castle** This is a very old castle; **cave** Some animals live in a cave; **courtyard** Old Chinese houses have a courtyard; **eagle** The eagle is sitting on top of the tree; **grass** Cows like eating grass; **igloo** You build an igloo with blocks of snow; **ladder** Don't walk under the ladder! **mountain** There's snow on the top of the mountain; **roof** The house has a red roof; **snow** There is a lot of snow in winter; **stairs** Go up the stairs; **trailer** You can carry big things on a trailer; **truck** You need a truck to pull a trailer; **trunk** That tree has a very thick trunk!

Activity Answers

(Page 3) 1. door; window; stairs; living room; kitchen; floor; bathroom; roof; wall; bedroom. **2. Write.** 1 door; 2 bathroom; 3 bedroom; 4 kitchen; 5 stairs; 6 living room.

(Page 5) 1 This house is built in Switzerland; 2 It snows a lot in winter; 3 The house is made from/of wood and stone; 4 No, it isn't; 5 Because the snow is heavy; 6 *free answer*; 7 Because it keeps the snow away from the walls; 8 *free answer*.

(Page 7) house; big; blocks; snow; igloo; cold; warm; hunter; hours; dogs.

(Page 9) 6; 3; 1; 2; 8; 7; 5; 4.

(Page 11) 1 in; 2 on; 3 are/off; 4 are/on; 5 can/under; 6 cannot/in; 7 up; 8 are; 9 has; 10 is.

(Page 13) Franco 2; Ella 8; Ida 4; Peter 5; Lina 7; David 1; Julia 6; Marco 3; Toni 9.

(Page 15) Good Things They never fall down (*and free answers*). **Bad Things** It sometimes takes a long time to build these houses (*and free answers*).

(Page 17) 1 This; 2 lives; 3 Her; 4 are; 5 go; 6 goes; 7 has; 8 takes; 9 ride; 10 is.

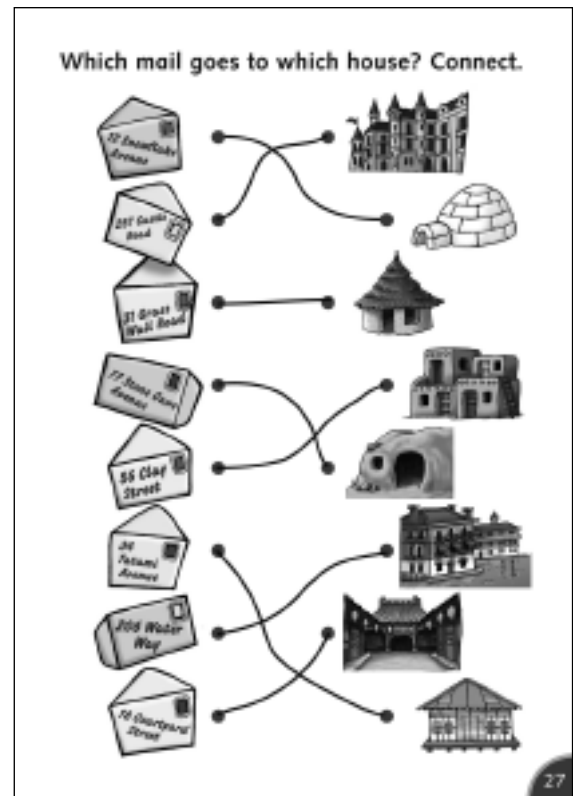
(Page 19) 1 True; 2 True; 3 True; 4 False; 5 False; 6 True; 7 True; 8 False; 9 *free answer*; 10 *free answer*.

(Page 21) 1 husband; 2 parents; 3 sister; 4 father; 5 mother; 6 children; 7 cousin; 8 grandfather; 9 brother; 10 wife.

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(Page 31) live; houses; castle; France;
blocks of snow; grass and mud; India; houseboats;
trees; the ground; *free answer; free answer.*