

The Houses We Live In

Our homes are very important. A house is a place where we live with our family. It keeps us safe and comfortable. Houses come in many shapes and sizes. Some are made of bricks and cement, while others use wood, mud, or even leaves! The kind of house people live in depends on the place they live, their weather, and what materials are available around them.

Types of Houses

There are different types of houses, and each has special features:

- 1. Mud Houses:** These are made of mud and dried leaves. They keep people cool in hot weather.
- 2. Brick Houses:** Made of bricks and cement, they are strong and protect us from rain and wind.
- 3. Wooden Houses:** Built with wood, these houses are common in forest areas.
- 4. Houses on Stilts:** These houses are built above the ground on wooden poles. They help protect against floods.
- 5. Apartments:** These are big buildings with many flats where many families live.

Why Do We Need Houses?

Houses protect us from rain, heat, cold, and animals. They give us a safe place to sleep, eat, and play. A house also helps us keep our things safe. Imagine living outside all the time without a home—it would be hard to stay dry and warm!

Materials Used to Build Houses

Different materials are used to build houses depending on the place and weather:

- **Bricks and cement:** Used in towns and cities because they are strong.
- **Wood and bamboo:** Found in forest or hilly areas.
- **Mud and clay:** Common in villages where these materials are easily available.

- **Leaves and grass:** Some houses in tropical areas use dried leaves for roofing.

How Can We Keep Our Houses Clean?

A clean house keeps us healthy. We should:

1. Sweep the floor every day.
2. Throw garbage in the dustbin.
3. Keep our things organized.
4. Fix broken doors and windows to keep insects out.

Let's Do an Activity!

Draw your dream house. Think about the kind of house you want to live in. What materials will you use to build it? Will it have a garden? Share your drawing with your classmates!

Summary

- Houses protect us from weather and keep us safe.
- Different houses are made from materials found in different places.
- Cleaning our house regularly keeps us healthy.

Exercise Time!

1. Name two materials used to build houses in your area.
2. Why do some houses stand on stilts?
3. List three things you do to keep your home clean.
4. Draw and color a picture of the type of house you live in.

“A clean and safe home is a happy home!”