

Houses around the world

Homes and family histories



(USA) American Houses

- Most homes have 2 floors and a **basement**
- Most homes have a **yard** (garden) in the front and back, and some have a **fence**.
- Many homes have a **chimney** and a **furnace**
- Some homes have many bedrooms, some have only 2 or 3.
- Most homes have a place to park the car in the street out front or in the **garage**.
- Every home in the USA has a **kitchen, bedrooms, living room, and bathroom(s)**.
- Some are made of **bricks**, some are made of **panels**.

Apartments



- Some families live in apartment buildings.
- They have many people living in one building.
- Each apartment usually has a kitchen, living room, bathroom, and bedroom(s).
- Apartments are usually smaller and cheaper than a house.
- I grew up in this apartment building!



My Apartment



- One cool thing about living in an apartment is that your neighbors are right in the same place!
- All my best friends lived in this building with me, and we had so much fun playing together.





Mansion



- Mansions are VERY big houses.
- They have many rooms and many bathrooms.
- Mansions are very expensive so most people do not live in them.
- They usually also have a lot of land around them and sometimes people who help take care of the land and house... like gardeners and cleaners.





African houses



- There are different types of homes in Africa. The type of home is usually dependent on tradition, your community or your financial status.
- Poor people's homes were often made of the same materials their clothes, like fur. The Poor lived in small, one-room huts that were thatched (weaved and layered). They used mud and clay for building the main part of the homes.
- The main type of housing built were mud huts.
- Royalty (Kings and Queens) often had their homes made of stone or wood.



Homes in Nigeria



- Bungalows are concrete single family homes with no basement.
- A Duplex is stacked apartments, one on top of the other.
- Townhouses or terraced houses are rows of similar homes inside gated communities like compounds.



Traditional Nigerian homes look like the mud huts.



Traditional Nigerian homes... materials

The traditional houses in Nigeria are usually found in the rural areas of the country. The traditional building materials of these houses are also determined by the local environment. The principal building materials used in traditional houses in Nigeria include mud, wood, straw, palm fronds and raffia matting. Straw and mats made from raffia palm leaves are commonly used for roofing in the south and in some part of the non-Moslem north. You wouldn't find houses built of solid wood except for those in the riverine areas. The Ijaw people of Nigeria, especially those close to the river, have their houses built from strong bamboo sticks and woods. These houses are built directly on top of the water areas.



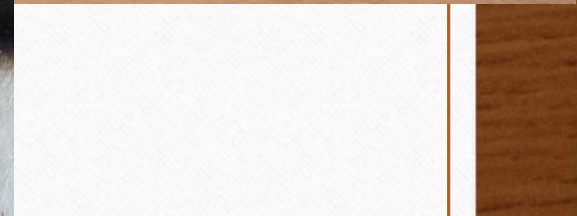
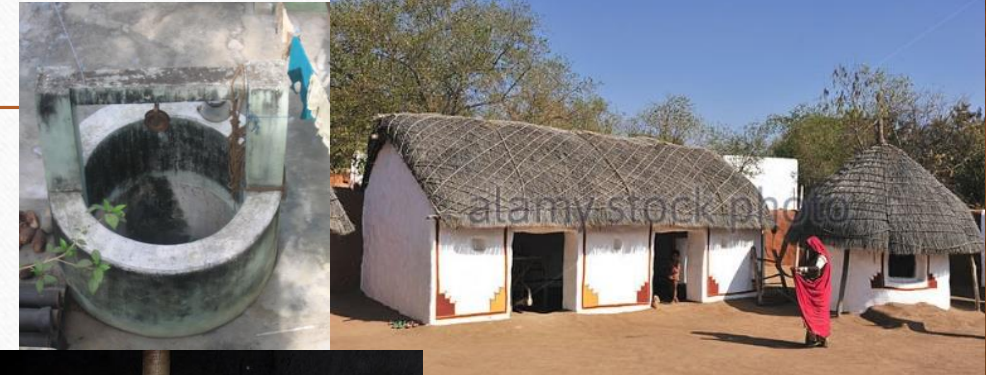
Traditional West Indian (India) houses

The homes usually have open windows and rooms because of the warm weather, and many families bathe outdoors in rivers and ponds.

Most of the day is spent outdoors around or near the house. Cooking is usually done outdoors in earth stoves by burning wood or other natural things.

Water is gathered from hand-drawn wells.

Visitors to villages may find residents squatting down for an afternoon card game under trees or while sitting on charpois (traditional hand-made beds) brought outside during the day.



Traditional South Indian Houses

- Made of concrete and wood poles
- Tiles on the roof
- Open living room to get sunlight and fresh air
- More modern than the West.



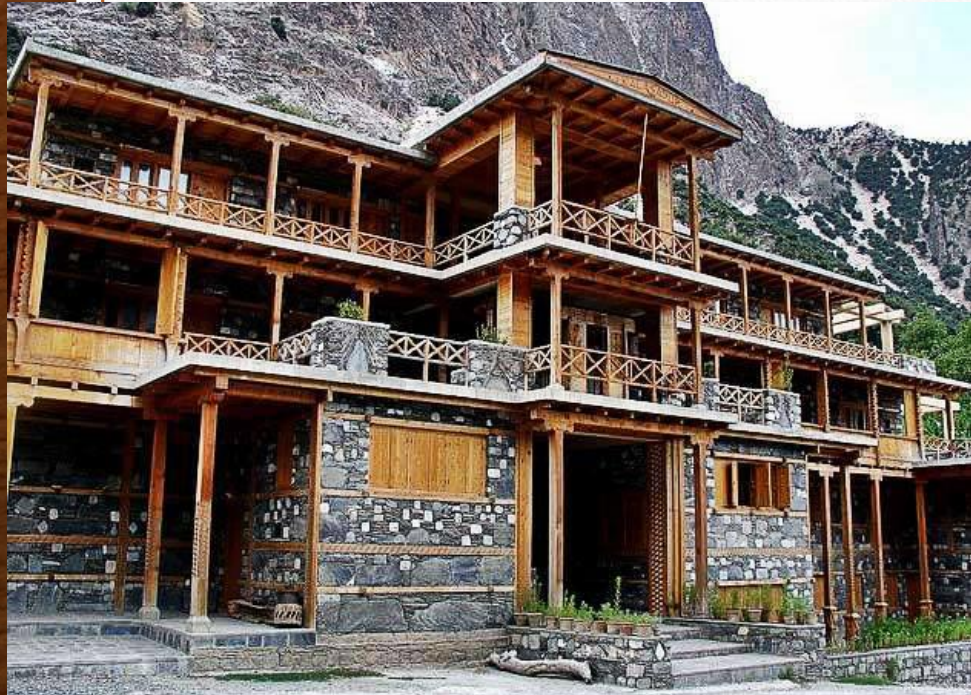
Traditional North East Indian Houses

- Built on wooden poles (stilts) in the hilly areas to protect from many floods and landslides.
- Made with bamboo walls and straw roof (dry leaves/grass)
- Most open air... some with windows
- Most have one main room and one floor because of earthquakes.
- Most of these Indian houses have gardens in the out front where some families grow some of their own crops.
- The kitchen usually is in the middle of the house because often two families live in one house... like living with your cousins and aunt and uncle.



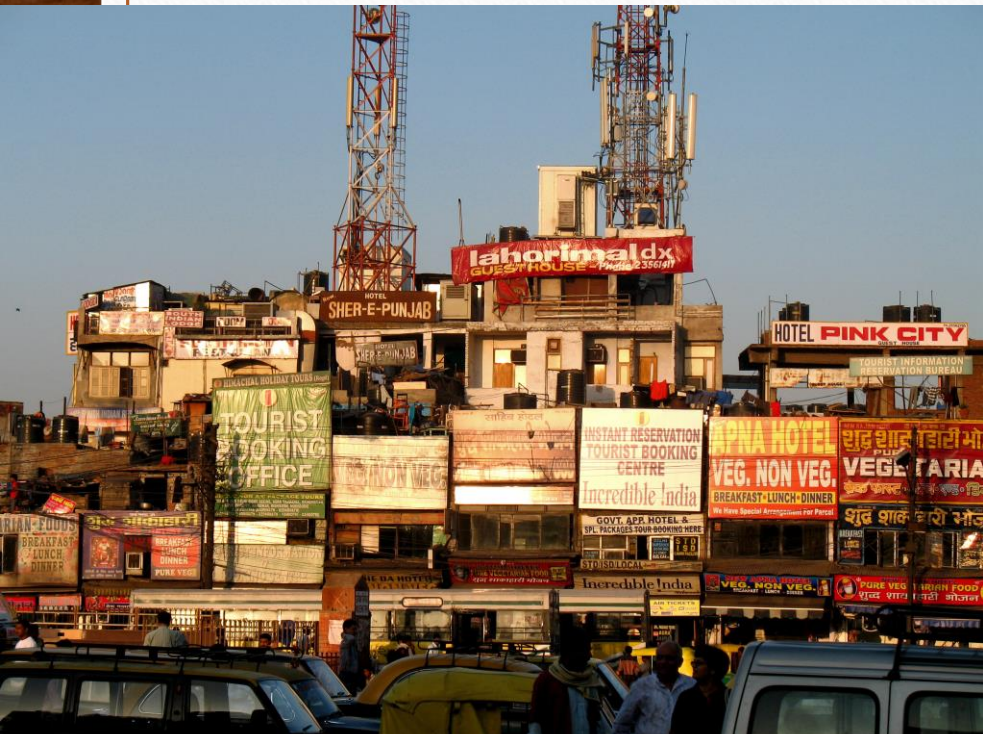
Traditional North Indian homes

- Bigger homes made of wood and stones, or concrete
- Usually more than one floor
- More than one room
- Built on more land... usually used to grow some food for the family and to sell.



Modern Indian homes in the cities

- Most commonly, families live in “flats” or apartments in very large and busy Indian cities like Mumbai or New Delhi.
- Some are very modern and expensive, but most are older buildings with water containers on the roof. Some have electricity and running water in the buildings, but many do not have reliable amenities.



Korean Houses

- Almost all Korean families live in apartment towers that are very tall with many floors... especially in the **urban** areas because there is not a lot of space... it is a small country with many people.



- Some **wealthy** Korean families live in big estates like this one with a lot of land, one big house and some smaller houses too.

- **Traditional** Korean home... not many people live in these anymore... only in the **rural** areas.



Hanok is a term to describe Korean traditional houses.

Korean architects think about the landforms, sun position, and seasons when building a home.

The inside of the house is also planned and designed based on the sun, wind, and surrounding nature.





Alaskan homes (Alaska, USA)



- Alaska is VERY cold.
- Some of the people there are called “Eskimos”.
- Eskimos have very special homes made of ice and snow called “igloos”.
- Igloos are only one room. They can make a fire inside to stay warm and cook, but they have to let the smoke out of the top.



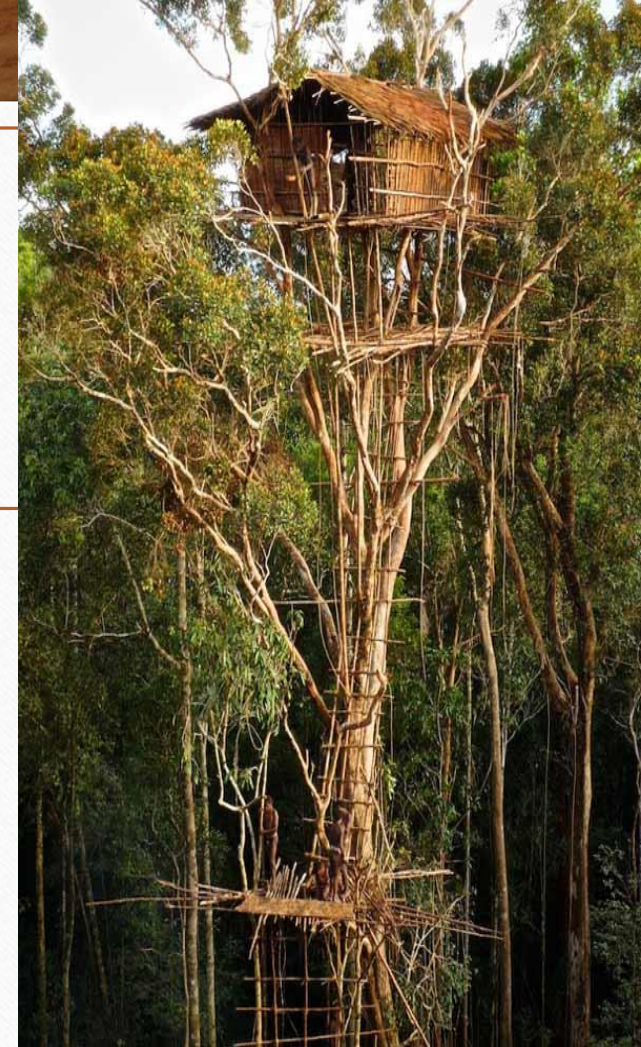


Amazonian homes: Amazon Rainforest, South America

- People who live in tribes (communities) in the Rainforest live in homes like these.

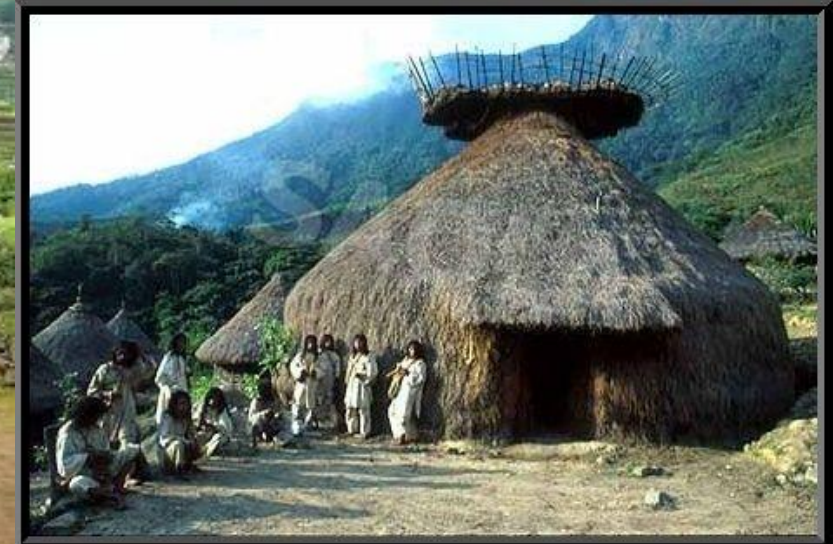


- The Amazon Rainforest is extremely wet, hot, rainy, and humid.
- They have stilts to keep the water out of the home.
- The people “live off the land”... that means they don’t use cars, electricity, or go to the store to buy things.
- They use trees, leaves, branches, and grasses from the forest to make their homes.
- They live near the water for fishing, boating, and fresh water to drink, but they have to be careful about the floods and wild animals.





Straw Huts





Teepees

- Teepees are made from dry animal skins and wood.
- Native American people from the USA live in teepees.
- They are like tents so they can move around the land and reuse them many times.



Rooms in the House

Which ones can you name?



Bathroom/ Restroom



- Every bathroom has a **toilet**.
- Every bathroom has a **sink**.
- Some bathrooms have a **bathtub**.
- Some bathrooms have a **shower**.
- Some bathrooms have both.
- Some bathrooms are big.
- Some bathrooms are small.
- Most bathrooms in the USA do **not** have a **bidet**.





Bedrooms



- Bedrooms always have a **bed** or **mattress**.
- The **master** bedroom is the biggest bedroom and usually has a private bathroom (ensuite).
- Most bedrooms have a **closet**.
- Some bedrooms have a lot of **furniture** and **decorations**.
- Some bedrooms only have a bed and closet.
- Usually bedrooms have:
bed, side (small) table, chair, windows, dresser, light, fan, pictures, decorations, blankets, rugs/carpet, closet, (kids: toys)





Kitchen



- Every house has a place to cook food.
- Some people have one special room for the kitchen.
- Some people cook in an open room that has the living room, kitchen, and dining room all together.
- Most kitchens have a **stove, refrigerator, freezer, oven, sink(s), countertops** and **cupboards**.
- Some kitchens also have a **microwave, pantry, dishwasher, and garbage disposal**.
- Kitchens are a very important place in the house if you like to eat! 😊





Living Room



- The living room is usually the place where families hang out together.
- Most living rooms have a **couch/sofa**, **chairs**, “**coffee tables**”, **TV**, **lamps**, **rugs**, **pillows**, and **decorations**.
- If the family has kids, usually there are also **toys** and **books** in the living room.





Dining room



- Some (not all) homes have dining rooms.
- “dine” means “eat a meal”
...so “dining room” = “the room where we eat a meal”
- They are a special place with a big table and chairs so you can eat meals with your whole family.
- Some dining rooms are combined with other rooms like the living room or kitchen.



You can even have a garage for your boat at the lake!!!!



Garage

- A garage is a storage room or place to keep your car.
- Most American Suburb and Rural homes have a garage for their car(s).
- Most American Urban homes have a “drive-way” but not a garage.
- Some places have a BIG garage called a “parking garage” or “car park”.



Some garages are separate beside the home and others are connected to the home.



Basement

- A basement is below the ground.
- Basements are usually dark and cooler than the rest of the house.
- The basement on the left is “unfinished”. The basement on the right is “finished” and is like a second living room or game room.



Attic

- An attic is a room at the very top of the house.
- Sometimes you need a ladder to climb up into the attic.
- Most attics are used for storage.
- Attics are usually the hottest part of the home...
- Attics often have thick layers of foam and “insulation” to keep the house warm in winter and cool in summer.

