

# Homes Around the World



MAX MOORE

## Level 1

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A Day at Greenhill Farm  
Truck Trouble  
Tale of a Tadpole  
Surprise Puppy!  
Duckling Days  
A Day at Seagull Beach  
Whatever the Weather  
Busy Buzzy Bee  
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Feeding Time  
Diving Dolphin  
Rockets and Spaceships  
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## Level 2

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    and Snooping  
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Winking, Blinking, Wiggling  
    and Wagging  
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Twisters!  
Holiday! Celebration Days  
    around the World  
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Horse Show  
Survivors: The Night the  
    Titanic Sank  
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Amazing Buildings  
Feathers, Flippers and Feet

Outback Adventure: Australian  
    Holiday  
Sniffles, Sneezes, Hiccups and  
    Coughs  
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I Want to Be a Gymnast  
Starry Sky  
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    Care of the Environment  
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LEGO: Rocket Rescue  
Star Wars: Journey Through  
    Space  
Star Wars: A Queen's Diary  
Star Wars: R2-D2 and Friends  
Star Wars Clone Wars: Anakin in  
    Action!  
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X-Men: Meet the X-Men

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Beautiful illustrations and superb full-colour photographs combine with engaging, easy-to-read stories to offer a fresh approach to each subject in the series. Each DK READER is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge, and love of reading.

The five levels of DK READERS are aimed at different reading abilities, enabling you to choose the books that are exactly right for your child:

- Pre-level 1:** Learning to read
- Level 1:** Beginning to read
- Level 2:** Beginning to read alone
- Level 3:** Reading alone
- Level 4:** Proficient readers

The “normal” age at which a child begins to read can be anywhere from three to eight years old. Adult participation through the lower levels is very helpful for providing encouragement, discussing storylines and sounding out unfamiliar words.

No matter which level you select, you can be sure that you are helping your child learn to read, then read to learn!





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# Homes Around the World

Written by Max Moore



A Dorling Kindersley Book

Most of us live in houses or flats.



They are usually made of bricks or concrete.



But not all homes in the world are like this.

Some people live in unusual homes.

Would you like to live high  
above the ground?

Some people in forests and  
jungles build treehouses.



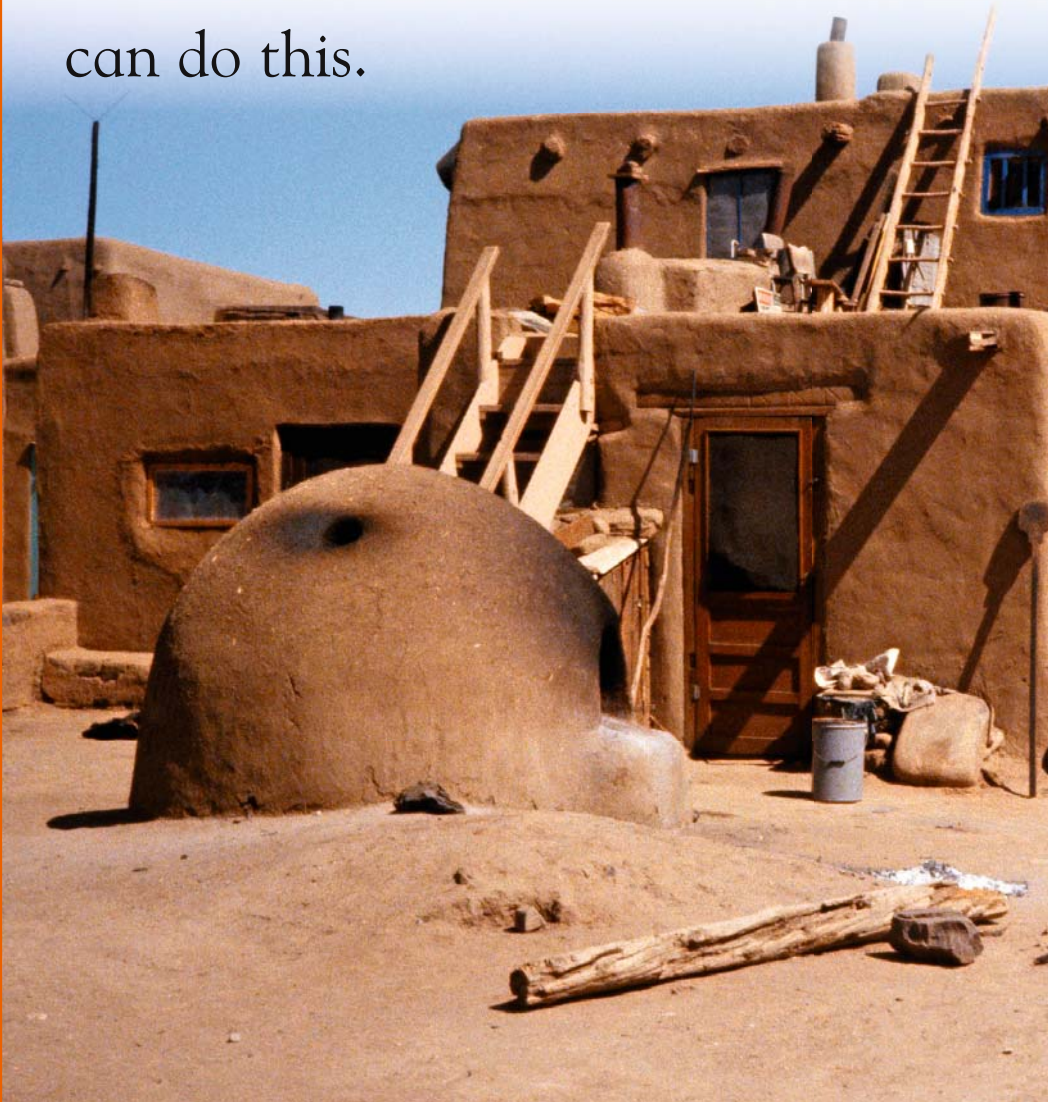
They use bamboo, vines and  
wood from the forest to make  
their homes.





treehouse

Suppose you went outside,  
dug up some clay and  
then built a house with it.  
People in very hot places  
can do this.



The sun dries  
the clay into strong  
adobe bricks.



adobe



These cone-shaped, mud-brick homes are called beehive houses. Their tall, cone-shaped roofs help to keep them cool inside.



All the hot air  
rises to the top  
of the house.



What would it be like to live  
on a lake?

Some people build their homes  
on floating islands made of reeds.



They add a layer of fresh reeds every few months.

reeds



Some fishermen build  
wooden houses on stilts  
over the water.

People walk along walkways  
to get to shops, work and school.





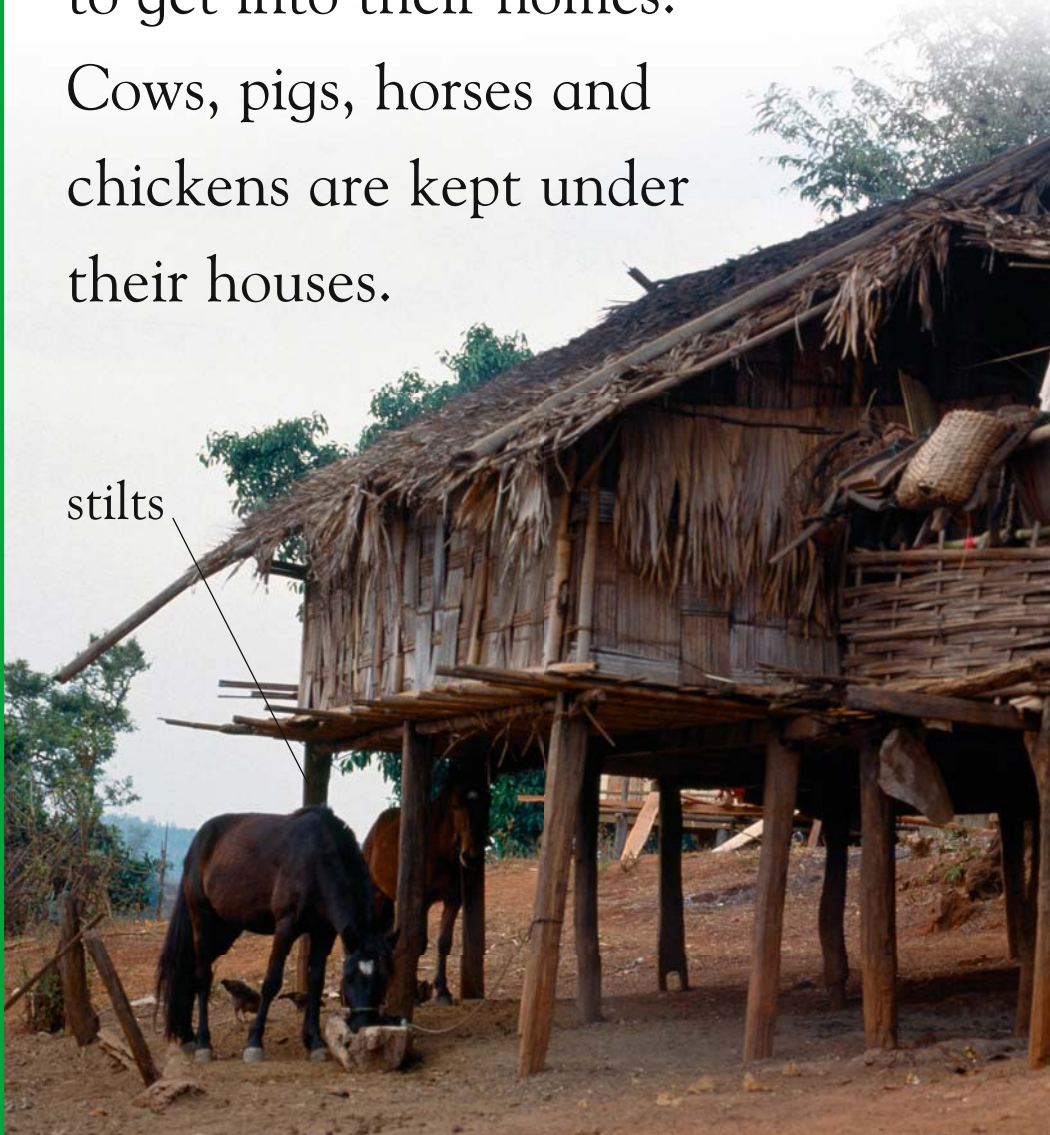


walkway



Houses on stilts are also sometimes built on land. People walk up a ramp to get into their homes. Cows, pigs, horses and chickens are kept under their houses.

stilts





ramp

Would you like a house shaped like a boat?

These wooden houses are called tongkonans.

They are the homes of the Toraja people.



tongkonan



Some houses have many carvings of plants and animals inside.



Have you ever moved to  
a new house?  
Some people move several times  
every year.



They can fold up their houses and set them up again somewhere else. These houses are covered with animal skins.



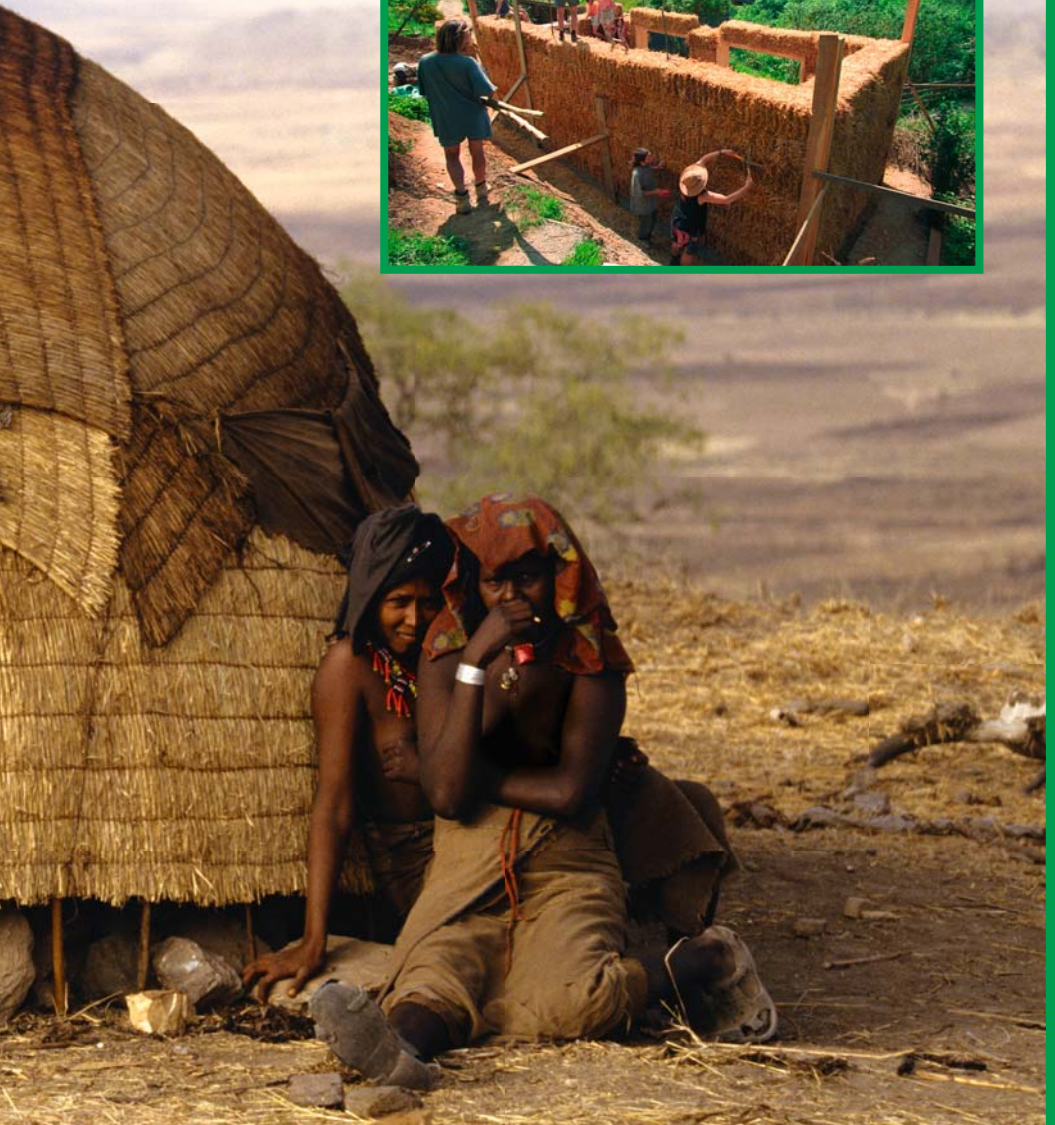
yurt

Straw tents can be moved, too.  
Straw is a light material but it is  
also strong and warm and doesn't  
let water in.





Straw can also be used to make the walls of homes that don't move.



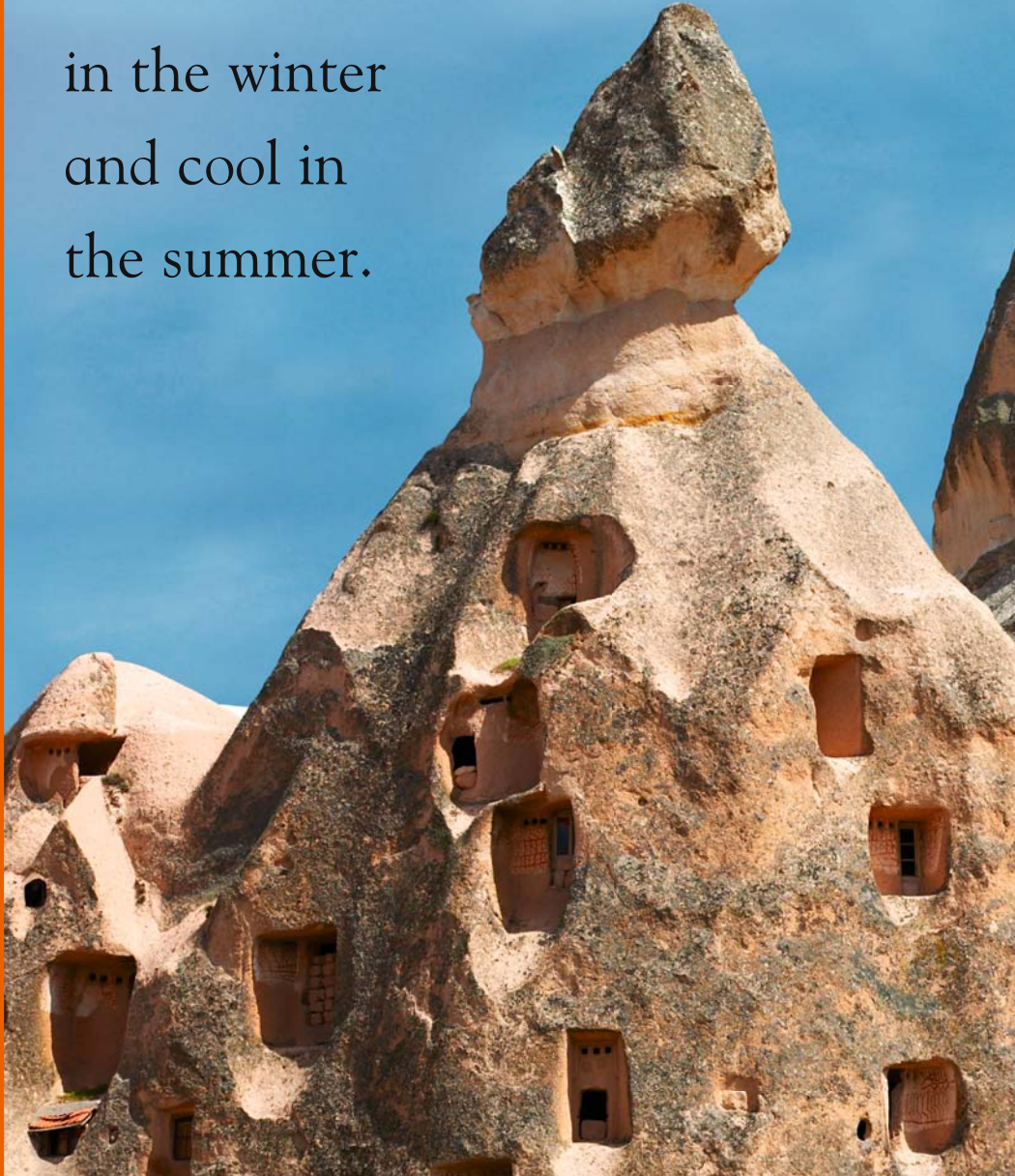
Suppose you lived in a cold place. Some people used blocks of snow to build igloos, which they lived in during the winter.

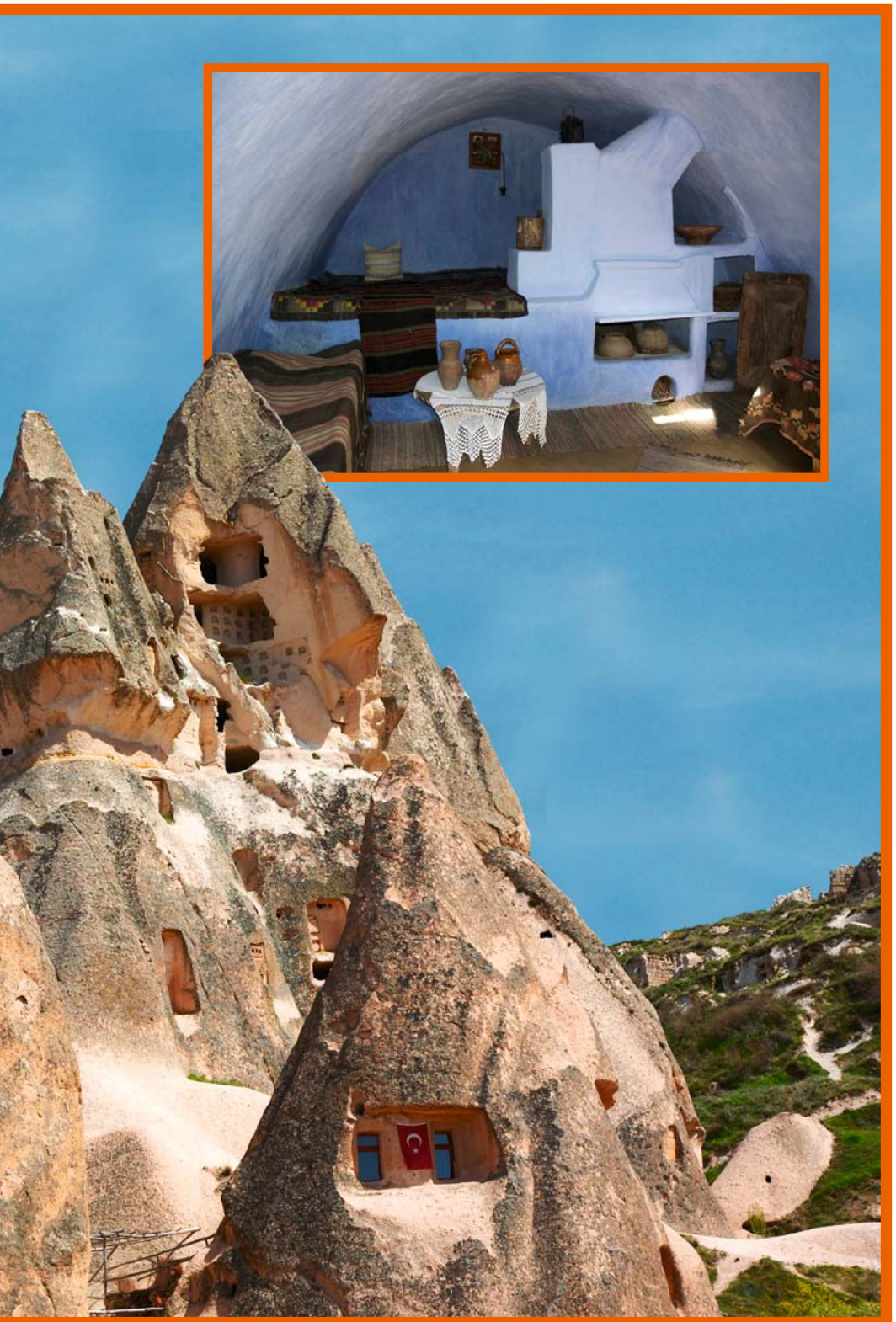


These igloos kept out the wind  
and were warm inside.



In hot places, some people live  
in houses carved into rocks.  
These homes are warm  
in the winter  
and cool in  
the summer.





Some people build houses  
in ways that help the planet.

This house is heated only by  
the sun.





This house is made from old shipping containers.

These houses use less energy and material than most homes.

Some people build houses just for fun.

These homes are made to look like a mound of bubbles and an alien spaceship.





In the future, people may build their homes in other unusual ways.



# Glossary



## Adobe

a material made from dried earth and straw



## Beehive house

a cone-shaped, mud-brick house



## Tongkonan

a wooden house shaped like a boat



## Treehouse

a house built high up in the trees



## Yurt

a round home that can be moved around

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My name is

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I have read this book



Date

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There are all kinds of houses.  
Some are made from straw or  
mud and others are in trees.



## DK READERS

Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age-appropriate stories in DK READERS, a multilevel reading programme guaranteed to capture children's interest while developing their reading skills and general knowledge.

<p>LEARNING <b>pre-level</b> TO READ</p>	<p>Learning to read</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High-frequency words</li> <li>● Picture word strips, picture glossary, and simple index</li> <li>● Labels to introduce and reinforce vocabulary</li> <li>● High level of adult participation helpful</li> </ul>
<p>BEGINNING <b>1</b> TO READ</p>	<p>Beginning to read</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Simple sentences and limited vocabulary</li> <li>● Picture glossary and simple index</li> <li>● Adult participation helpful</li> </ul>
<p>OL BEGINNING <b>2</b> TO READ ALONE</p>	<p>Beginning to read alone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Longer sentences and increased vocabulary</li> <li>● Information boxes full of extra fun facts</li> <li>● Simple index</li> <li>● Occasional adult participation helpful</li> </ul>
<p>READING <b>3</b> ALONE</p>	<p>Reading alone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More complex sentence structure</li> <li>● Information boxes and alphabetical glossary</li> <li>● Comprehensive index</li> </ul>
<p>PROFICIENT <b>4</b> READERS</p>	<p>Proficient readers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rich vocabulary and challenging sentence structure</li> <li>● Additional information and alphabetical glossary</li> <li>● Comprehensive index</li> </ul>

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