

# Global Homes

Create models of homes from different environments across the globe

All

Human  
Geography



## Background

This is a very practical approach to enable pupils to reflect upon how the **physical environment** influences **land use** including the types of **settlement** that people occupy.

Across the globe people live in a whole range of homes which are appropriate to their particular environmental conditions, wealth and local resources. These activities can therefore also lead to discussions on *climate change*, *sustainability* and *equity*.

## Equipment

- Loose materials such as tarpaulins, sticks, mud, blankets, string, ropes, figurines, pallets or wooden pennies
- Settlement images (moderate level)
- Challenge descriptions (advanced level)

## Activity

### Basic

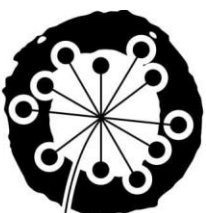
Provide figurines and ask the children to create homes for them using the outdoor resources available locally. Discuss the basic needs of food, shelter/warmth and water and observe how these are met.

### Moderate

Use the image sheet accompanying this resource as a prompt to discuss why housing may vary in different climates. Challenge the children to recreate models of different housing. They can then offer tours to fellow pupils as if they are estate agents!

### More Challenging

Provide groups of pupils with one of the 'challenge cards' and see how they create a home to suit their scenario using a range of natural outdoor materials. Undertake a peer review of their creations. Then share the corresponding housing images to show the real houses.



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# Global Homes Settlement Images



**Challenge 1: A Mud Hut in India © Bishnu Saika**



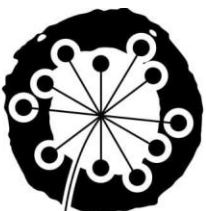
**Challenge 3: A Nipa Hut on stilts in the Philippines © Dr. A Hugentobler**



**Challenge 2 : Three Blackfoot Tepees in Montana © Hank Miller**



**Challenge 4: Log House with Grass Roof in Norway © Kjetil Bjørnsrud**



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## Challenge Descriptions

### Challenge Card 1

- You live in a hot and dry village community in India.
- You do not have a lot of money, tools, resources or manual skills.
- You need shelter from the hot sun and somewhere to sleep under cover.

### Challenge Card 2

- You are part of a wandering tribe living off the Great Plains.
- You need to be able to move on quickly and transport your entire home.
- You need shelter from the hot sun and insulation at night.
- You need to be able to safely burn a wood stove in your home.

### Challenge Card 3

- You are a fisherman living in a coastal community in the Philippines.
- Your village is likely to experience flooding in the monsoon season.
- You need a shady space to keep farm animals.
- You need to protect your home from rats.

### Challenge Card 4

- You live in the mountains of Norway next to pine forest.
- You need a heavy roof to protect you from the snow.
- You need to use local materials as you cannot easily transport resources.

