

Unit 7 Cross-curricular worksheet

Geography: building materials

1 Where are these houses? What material did people use to build them? Use the words in the boxes.

France Malaysia Morocco Russia

clay concrete stone wood



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

2 Read the text. Check your answers to exercise 1.

1 ____

We can recognize houses from different countries from their architectural style and also from their building materials. Common materials are stone, **clay**, wood and concrete.

2 ____

Money is an important factor. Concrete is popular for buildings like this Russian block of flats because it is **cheap**. Material that isn't available **nearby** is expensive, so wooden houses are common near large forests.

3 ____

Geography and climate are important factors too. Wood is a good choice in **earthquake** areas like Malaysia. Scientists are testing different materials all the time and they know that strong wooden houses can survive the shaking. Builders **choose** stone for homes in colder places, such as this traditional French house, because it **warms up** in the sun. Clay is good for hot countries like Morocco.

4 ____

Finally, building materials need to **last** for **decades** so they must be strong. Stone and concrete buildings are the best, but wood can also last for many years but you should protect it against bad weather.

3 Match the definitions with bold words from the text.

1 continue to exist or function ***last***

2 not expensive _____

3 a type of heavy earth _____

4 tens of years _____

5 becomes hotter _____

6 in the local area _____

7 select _____

8 a violent shaking of the earth _____

4 Match the headings with paragraphs 1–4.

a How long is it going to last?

b Is it appropriate for the local area?

c How much does it cost?

d Introduction

Your Turn



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