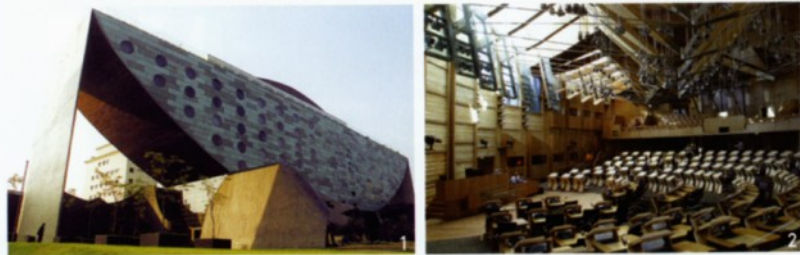


# Places to live, work and play

Every country has "typical" houses, schools or office buildings. In our own culture, these are usually easy to identify.



## What's this place?

It's sometimes difficult to guess the use of some buildings. Look at these photos, for example.

- Which one is a parliament building?
- An opera house?
- An art gallery?
- A hotel?

(Answers on page 16.)

Architects and builders want to make good places for people to live or work in. They also want to create beautiful buildings.

## WORD FILE

<b>architect</b>	The designer of a building.
<b>builder</b>	The person who constructs a building.
<b>cardboard box</b>	A container made of thick paper.
<b>doorway</b>	The entrance to a building.
<b>identify (v)</b>	To recognise a person or object.
<b>office building</b>	A block of offices.
<b>trailer home</b>	A mobile home.
<b>typical</b>	Conforming to a type.

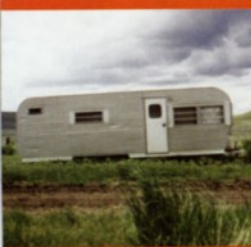
recognize	recognise
trailer home	caravan



Find a really interesting building. Why do you like it?

## It's not all fun

Most of us live in "normal" houses, but some people like to move from place to place. They live in caravans. They travel to a new place every few weeks. They have exciting lives, but what about their children? Their kids go to a different school every month. New teachers, new friends. That's not easy.



## Remember!

Some people don't have houses. They live in cardboard boxes, or doorways. These people are homeless.



# and play

## Different climate, different buildings

People make buildings from different materials. This depends on the place and the climate. Typical materials are stone, bricks, concrete, wood and mud.

The design, too, often depends on the climate. In a hot place, the walls are usually thick and the windows are small. Very often, the outside of the house is white. It reflects the heat away from it. This way, the building is cool.

Shade and fresh air are both important in hot countries. Houses have cool terraces. Windows usually have shutters, not curtains.



In some places, however, it's cold in the winter. There is often a lot of snow. Here, the buildings have high, steep roofs. The snow can fall off more easily.



## Home or tourist attraction?

There isn't much land in Amsterdam, so it's expensive. Because of this a lot of old houses are tall and thin. People travel by boat on the canals, so the main door is near the water. There are big windows on the upper floors to bring in the furniture.

All these buildings use local materials and reflect local needs. Understand the buildings, and you can understand something about the people and the place.



## What about this house? Where is it? What's its name?

(Answers on page 16.)

## WORD FILE

<b>climate</b>	The type of weather.
<b>heat</b>	Hot temperature.
<b>materials</b>	The substances that make an object.
<b>reflect (v)</b>	To throw the light and heat back.
<b>shade</b>	The area out of the sun.
<b>shutters</b>	A cover for a window, usually wood or metal.
<b>steep</b>	Nearly vertical.

drapes	curtains
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Look at a typical building in your town. What's special about it?

