

LESSON No. 17



DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSES

You have seen different types of houses on your way to school. In what ways are they different ? Look at the pictures of two houses given below. In what way are they different?



Fill in the boxes :

Particulars	Type -I	Type- II
Materials used		
Type of roof [sloped/flat/etc.]		
Estimated cost of construction		
Economic status of the owner		

Economic condition of the people leads to the difference in the type of their houses. Is economic condition the only condition to have different types of houses ?

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These are different types of houses in different parts of the country.

A house in hilly region of Meghalaya.



A stilt house in flooded area of Assam.

In flood prone area, during rainy season the rivers are flooded. In such area the foundation of the houses are raised up very much or the houses are built on wooden platform. These are the houses on stilts.

A house in dry region of Rajasthan.



In hot regions of Rajasthan the houses are made of thick earth wall. It can keep the house cool inside.

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People living in Himalaya's mountain regions experience snowfall every year. They make their houses with sloping roofs. Do you know the reason ? When snow falls on the roofs, it slides down easily and does not collect at the top.

House in Darjeeling.



Fishermen living in the coastal area do not make permanent houses. They build only temporary houses. They mainly use reeds, wood, coconut leaves, etc. to built their houses. Can you imagine the reason?



Houses in coastal region of Kerala.

In coastal areas big waves of the sea often damage houses near the sea. So, they build only temporary houses. When damaged it does not cost much to rebuild the houses with reeds, wood or coconut leaves.

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House boat in Dal lake.



Some people have to live on lakes for a long period. They make their houses on boats. We can see house boats in Dal lake in Kashmir and in Kerala also.



In Loktak lake the fishermen build their houses on floating phumdi. In rainy season when the water level rises it does not affect the houses as it is still raised up.

In big cities people can get the building materials like bricks, iron, stone, marbles etc. easily. So, people make big strong and beautiful houses. They are known as pucca houses. It can be raised up to multi-storey. It can accommodate a large number of people.



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In some area like Japan there are frequent earthquake. Earthquakes cause damage to concrete houses. They like to use light materials to construct their houses. Wooden houses are built mostly in these areas.

In cold Arctic regions the land is completely covered with ice. There, houses are made of ice bergs. These houses are known as **igloos**. It can protect the inhabitants from cold wind.



Now, you can conclude : The types of houses are different mainly because of the environmental conditions, availability of materials and economic status of the people.

- * Describe how these houses suit the needs of the people who live there.
- * How are these different from the house you live in?