

LESSON No. 13



HOUSES - THEN AND NOW

Alex lives at Moirang. He lives in a pucca house. His father is a businessman. The family is a big family. Alex lives with his grand-parents also. Their house was built recently.



It is a new house. He feels very comfortable in their new house. His grandpa has a separate room. Grandpa is an old man. At his free time, Alex goes to grandpa's room. He helps his grandpa and does anything he asked for.

Grandpa tells stories to Alex many times. Grandpa told their new house is the third house he lived. It is the third generation.

He said -- ‘ When I was young like you we lived in a big house.’ He saw a photograph. It was a kutchra house. It had thatched roofs. Bamboos and woods were the important materials used in that house. Grandpa further said ‘The roofs of the house did not last long. It needed to repair every year. The thatches were replaced every year or alternate year.



As time changes it becomes difficult to get the thatches. We were compelled to change the materials used for roofing. The roofing was replaced with new C I sheets.

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When I started working there was an engagement for my marriage with your grandma. A new house was built. The new house had brick walls. It had enough ventilators and windows. There was C I sheet roofing on wooden frame. New kitchen and toilet were built separately’.

Do you see the house changes with time ? From kutcha it changes to semi-pucca, then from semi-pucca to pucca. Pucca houses have more longevity than kutcha houses.

Population will increase with time. But, space is not expanding. To accommodate the increasing population what shall we do? Multi-storey houses may be the solution.

The cost of making pucca houses and multi-storey building is larger. Some people cannot afford the large amount. Where do they live ?

Here is a photograph of a city. Find out the types of houses found in the city.



In a city we find multistoreyed buildings, single storeyed RCC buildings, tin roofed buildings, bungalows and huts.

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These are two photographs of a location at two different times.

Find out the changes.



The changes found in the photographs are _____.
