



# “Houses”

## Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages



Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

There are houses all over the world. Some houses are large. Some are small. Some are made of wood. Some are made of rock. Some are made of mud. Some are made of cloth. In cold places, some houses are made of **ice** – frozen water! People usually build their houses with something that is easy to find. For example, there are many trees in a forest. So people who live there might build a house made of logs.

Some houses have one room. Some houses have many rooms. There is usually a bedroom for sleeping. There is often a **kitchen** for cooking. There is usually a bathroom. There is often a living room for sitting and talking. Some houses have basements. The basement is under the main part of the house. Some houses have attics. The **attic** is above the main part of the house. Most houses have a door so people can enter and exit the house. Most houses have windows so the people can look outside. Windows also let air into the house from outdoors.

Some houses are **fancy**. They are painted bright colors, and are very decorative. Some houses not fancy — they are plain and simple. Houses look very different in different parts of the world. But, people who live in a house probably all **agree** that there is no place like home!

### Questions:

1) Why are many forest houses made of logs?

- A. There are many logs in the forest.
- B. Trees are easy to find in the forest.
- C. There is a lot of wood in the forest.
- D. All of the above

2) Why do houses have bedrooms?

- A. For sleeping
- B. For cooking
- C. For relaxing
- D. For building things

3) Where is the basement of a house?

- A. Beside the house
- B. Above the house
- C. Under the house
- D. None of the above



4) Houses have doors...

- A. so people can enter and exit.
- B. so people can sleep.
- C. so people can cook and eat.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

5) Houses have windows to...

- A. let people go outside.
- B. let people look outside.
- C. let air into the house from outdoors.
- D. Both B and C are correct.

### Vocabulary:

1) What is **ice**?

- A. Trees that are cut down
- B. Water that is frozen
- C. A kind of grass
- D. A kind of cloth



2) A **kitchen** is a...

- A. room for sleeping.
- B. room for cooking.
- C. room which is under a house.
- D. room which is above a house.

3) An **attic** is...

- A. a house made of ice.
- B. a house in the forest.
- C. a room under a house.
- D. a room above a house.

4) If something is **fancy**, it is...

- A. bright and decorative.
- B. plain and simple.
- C. ugly.
- D. old and tarnished.

5) If people **agree**, they...

- A. decide to do something.
- B. feel the same way about something.
- C. live in the same house.
- D. do something together.