

HOMES

Read the text and choose the appropriate word.

Some of the (1)_____ first homes were caves, which had walls and ceilings that (2)_____ wind, rain and prowling animals, and floors where people could sit or sleep.

Gradually, as the centuries (3)_____, people learned to build different kinds of homes. They needed homes that were (4)_____ for the place where they lived, and they used (5)_____ that were available locally. In dry places, houses were made of mud or clay. Where there was (6)_____ of wood, people built houses of logs or boards. On grassy (7)_____, they built homes of dry grass. People who lived near rivers made rafts or houseboats, or houses raised above the ground on stilts.

Houses today are (8)_____ built bearing the local environment and conditions in (9)_____. Residents of very hot places need houses that will keep them (10)_____, while people in the frozen north need houses that protect them from the cold. Indeed, the climate affects many of the (11)_____ of a house, such as the size, position and number of windows. Where weather conditions are extreme, (12)_____ example, windows tend to be smaller. Our homes, comprising modern blocks of flats, (13)_____ a lot in common with those first caves, since they protect us against the weather and give us a safe place to sleep.

