



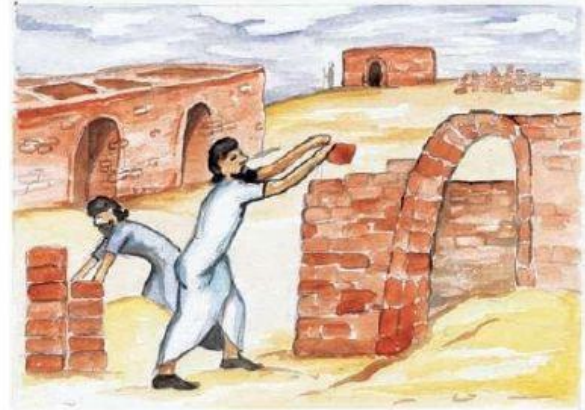
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The earth – from clay to brick



Let's read

The earth has many different kinds of soil. Clay is one of them. For thousands of years people have used clay to make bricks for building.



Let's do

Draw two things we can build with bricks and give each drawing a caption.



Let's write

Answer these questions.

Why are bricks not all the same colour?

Are bricks made only from clay?

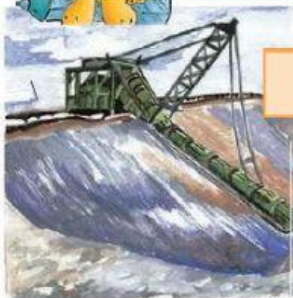




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Look at these pictures and tell your friend what is happening in each one.



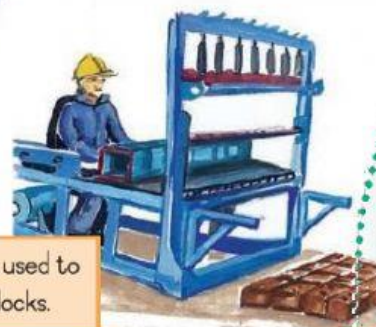
Clay is being dug up.



A machine is cutting up the clay mixture into strips.



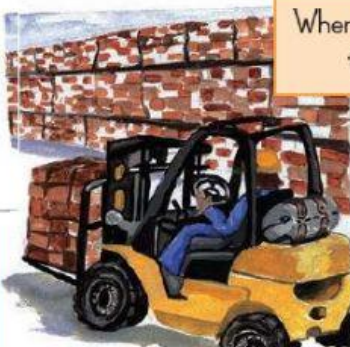
Clay is ground up finely and mixed with water.



A different machine is used to cut the strips into blocks.



The blocks of clay are dried.
The dried pieces of clay are baked in a huge oven, called a kiln.



When the bricks are removed from the kiln, they are sorted.



The bricks are put on top of one another in piles and are ready to be sold.

Number the sentences in the correct order to show how we make bricks.

	When the bricks are removed from the kiln, they are sorted.
	Clay is ground up finely and mixed with water.
	A machine is used to cut the strips into blocks.
	The clay is dug up by big machines.
	The bricks are stacked in piles and are ready to be sold.
	The dried pieces of clay are baked in a kiln.
	A machine cuts the clay mixture into strips.
	The blocks of clay are dried.