📖 Reading: Unusual Houses Around the World

All around the world, houses look similar – doors, windows, a roof – but here are three houses that are very unusual and would look out of place in any country!

Welcome to a home with a difference. In most ways, this is a normal house. It's quite big. There's a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom and three bedrooms. But every week hundreds of people come to see this house.

What's unusual about it? It's upside down! You walk in through a window and the first room you come to is the attic. When you go upstairs to the bedrooms, there are more surprises. Look up and you'll see beds and wardrobes stuck to the ceiling. Look down and you'll see lights that come up from the floor.

At the top of the house there's a living room and a kitchen. Where's the sofa? Where's the cooker? They're on the ceiling, of course. Everything in this house is upside down. Only the stairs are the right way up, because visitors have to use them.

The house is a favourite tourist attraction, but nobody lives there. That would be impossible. Nobody could sleep upside down in a bed that's stuck to the ceiling.

This strange house is in Germany. Its name is unusual too. The house is called *The World Stands on its Head*.

Here's a more normal house. Firstly, it's the right way up. Secondly, the person who built it really lives there. However, the unusual thing about this house is that it's made of plastic bottles.

Maria Ponce's house is in a village in El Salvador in Central America. She didn't have enough money to build a normal house, so she collected empty plastic bottles and made a house with them. It took Maria nearly two years to collect the bottles and build her house and she is proud of it. It's only got one room but Maria hopes to build another room one day.

Zhang Lianzhi's house in north China is bigger than Maria Ponce's. However, like Maria, he has used his imagination to make a house that is unlike any other. His house is covered with pieces of beautiful cups and plates which he collected for more than twenty years. He has also stuck small sculptures onto his house, and pieces of coloured crystal. All these beautiful things have cost Zhang 65 million dollars. Fortunately, Zhang is a rich businessman, so money isn't a problem for him.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

📖 Reading Comprehension: *Unusual Houses Around the World*

Part 1: Multiple Choice (Choose the correct answer)

1. Why do hundreds of people visit the house in Germany?
A) Because it is very cheap
B) Because it is upside down
C) Because it is very old
D) Because someone lives there

---

2. How do visitors enter the upside-down house?
A) Through the door
B) Through the roof
C) Through a window
D) Through the kitchen

---

3. Why did Maria Ponce build her house with plastic bottles?
A) She liked plastic decorations
B) She didn't have enough money
C) She wanted a big house
D) She copied another house

---

4. What covers Zhang Lianzhi's house?
A) Wood and glass
B) Stones and sand
C) Cups, plates, sculptures, and crystal
D) Metal and plastic

Part 2: True or False (Write T or F)

1. People live inside the upside-down house in Germany.
True ☑ False ✕

2. Maria Ponce's house has only one room.
True ☑ False ✕

3. Zhang Lianzhi collected decorative objects for more than twenty years.
True ☑ False ✕

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Part 3: Matching (Match the person/house with the correct information)

Match Column A with Column B:

Column A	Column B
1. The Upside-Down House	A. Built a house with plastic bottles
2. Maria Ponce	B. House covered with cups, plates, and crystal
3. Zhang Lianzhi	C. Located in Germany and everything is upside down

LIVEWORKSHEETS