



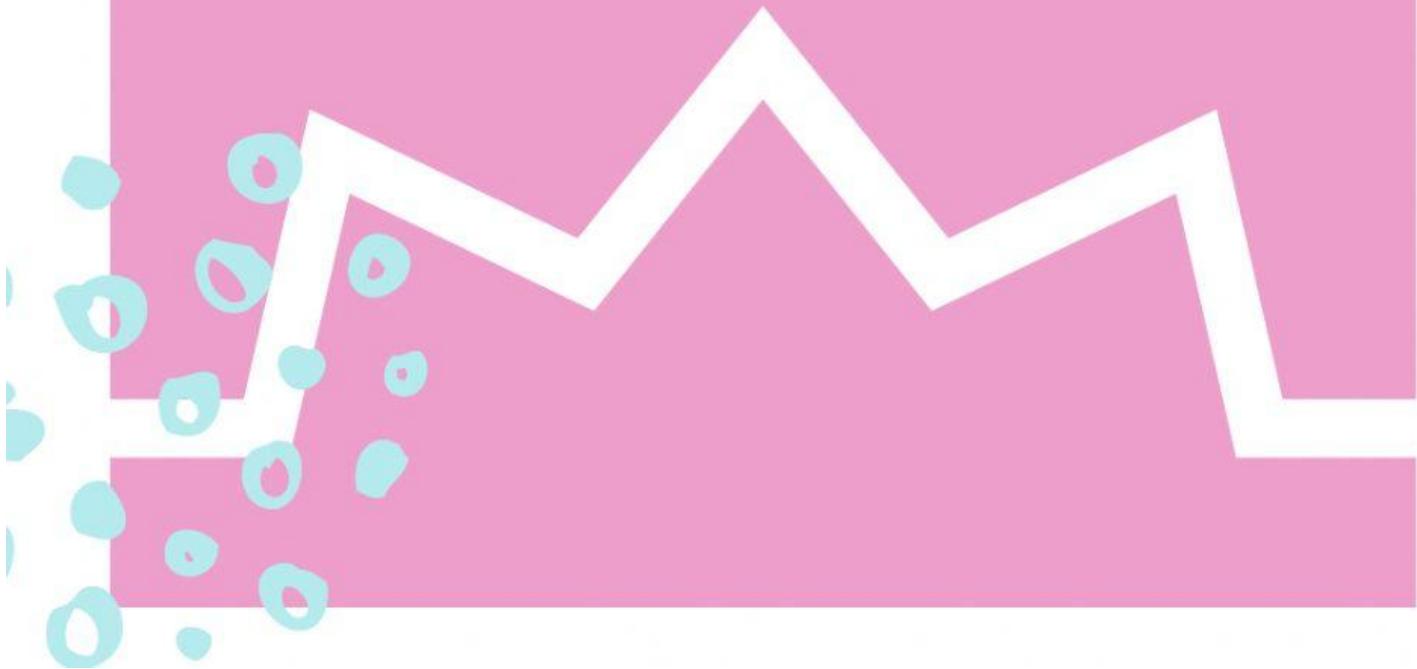
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ENGLISH



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Before reading

1. Take a look at the pictures, the title, the subtitle and the source of the following text. Then, match the columns below.

- a. The pictures show
- b. The first picture shows
- c. The second picture shows
- d. The text is from a book that shows

- marvelous houses across the world.
- the inside of a building in China.
- families outside their homes.
- a traditional type of Chinese residence.

2. Mark the words you expect to find in the text below.

<input type="checkbox"/> house	<input type="checkbox"/> building	<input type="checkbox"/> America	<input type="checkbox"/> wall	<input type="checkbox"/> floor
<input type="checkbox"/> bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> home	<input type="checkbox"/> beach	<input type="checkbox"/> igloo

Reading

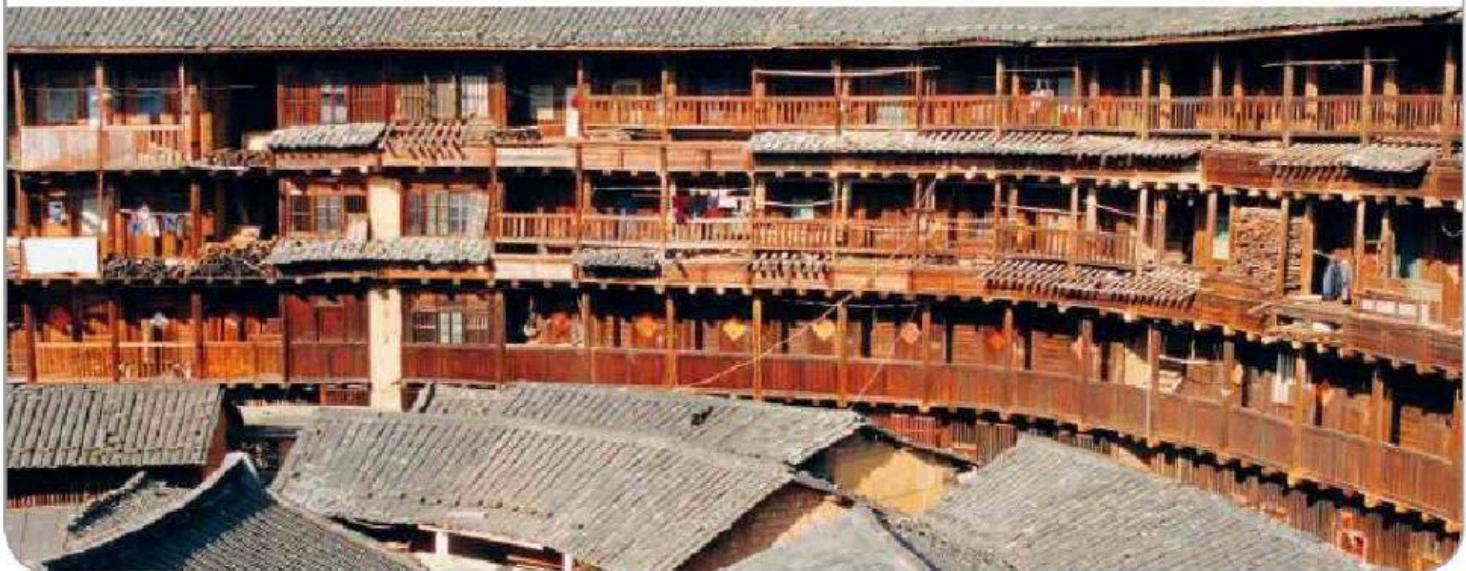
China

Living Together in a Circle

Deep in the mountains, there is a round building called a *tulou*. It is surrounded by a thick dirt wall. It is in the Fujian province of China. There are about three hundred people living in this *tulou*. It is very lively inside. Looking up, you can see a round circle of sky.

The *tulou* has four floors. There are four communal staircases, and more than 200 rooms of about the same size. On the first floor, there are kitchens all in a row. The second floor has warehouses, where the harvest and the farm tools are kept. The long hall is where the children play. The third and fourth floors have bedrooms that are also used for study. Parents and children share one room.

Adapted from: KOMATSU, Yoshio. *Wonderful Houses Around the World*. California: Shelter Publications, 2004, p. 6, 8.



After Reading

1. Mark the correct statement about the text.

- The text describes a traditional type of Chinese rural residence.
- The text provides details about different types of Chinese houses.

