

Living Like a Turtle



It is known that turtles carry their houses on their backs. But did you know that there are also people who move their house from place to place? Houses that move are built for different reasons.

Some people like traveling from place to place with their house and sleeping in their bed every night. These people live in a *caravan*. A *caravan* is a house on wheels and it has many things you would expect to see in a house: a kitchen, a bed, a bathroom and furniture.



caravan



ger

In Mongolia, some people live in a round house made of fabric. This type of house is called a *ger*. Families that live in a *ger* own cows and goats. The animals eat the grass around the house. When there is no more grass for the animals to eat, the family carries the *ger* to a new place where their animals can find food.

Another house that can be moved is the *bulla*, which is found in Uganda. This is a round house made of straw, which is very light and easy to carry from place to place. When the weather changes and it rains, people carry their *bulla* to dry areas. They stay there until the weather changes again.



bulla



tepee

Native American Indians used to live in triangular-shaped tents called *tepees*. These houses were usually made of pieces of animal skin covering long sticks of wood, and were easy to move. Indian families moved their *tepee* to find better places to hunt animals for food. Indians don't live in *tepees* anymore. Today they are only used for special events.

People build different types of houses for all kinds of reasons. Whether they live in a house that can be moved or not, most people agree that there is no place like home.

Questions

27. The text is called "Living Like a Turtle" because ____.

- a ☐ like turtles, some people live in round houses
 - b ☐ like turtles, some people carry their houses with them
 - c ☐ like turtles, some people have many different houses
 - d ☐ like turtles, some people have grass around their house
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28. Why do people move the *ger* from place to place?

- a ☐ to find a place with many animals to hunt
 - b ☐ to look for a dry place for the animals
 - c ☐ to find a place with food for the animals to eat
 - d ☐ to look for different animals around the world
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29. When do people move *bullas* houses?

30. How are *caravans* **different** from the other houses in the text?

- a ☐ *Caravans* can be moved.
- b ☐ *Caravans* have wheels.
- c ☐ People still live in *caravans*.
- d ☐ People feed animals in *caravans*.

31. Complete the table below.

Type of house	People who live/lived there	Made of...
<i>ger</i>	a. _____	fabric
b. _____	people in Uganda	c. _____
d. _____	e. _____	animal skin

32. The *ger*, *bullu* and *tepee* are **not** heavy.

Why is this important?

