

READING UNIT 6

1 For these questions, choose the correct answer.

Unusual homes around the world

Plastic bottle homes, El Salvador

I imagine you've never seen a home made from plastic bottles before, have you? Plastic bottle homes help people who haven't got a home. They are usually small houses, with only a few rooms: a bedroom, a living room, a kitchen with a sink, and a bathroom. Many of the homes have got electricity and a few have even got air conditioning, dishwashers and heating! Just think: next time you recycle a few plastic bottles, you might be helping to make a new home!

The crocodile house, Ivory Coast

You couldn't live in a crocodile, could you? Well, yes – you can, actually! Thierry Atta, an artist from Ivory Coast, lives in a crocodile home. The house is shaped like a crocodile and it's built from recycled materials. The home has got only one room with a sink and a bed. It hasn't got electricity, so instead of bulbs, Thierry Atta uses a lot of candles at night.

The hobbit house, Wales

Fifteen years ago, Simon Dale built his home in the Welsh countryside. It is called the hobbit house because it looks like the hobbit homes from the film *The Lord of the Rings*. Simon recycled old materials that he found in rubbish tips to build the house. The home has got three bedrooms, a lounge and a kitchen. The family uses energy from the sun to make electricity, and they use wood to make a fire for their heating in the winter. They also get water from a nearby river.



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| <p>1 What have a lot of the plastic homes got?</p> <p>A curtains</p> <p>B electricity</p> <p>C dishwashers</p> <p>2 The crocodile house hasn't got</p> <p>A a sink.</p> <p>B windows.</p> <p>C electricity.</p> <p>3 Thierry Atta uses</p> <p>A much candles.</p> <p>B a few candles.</p> <p>C a lot of candles.</p> | <p>4 What did Simon Dale use to build the hobbit house?</p> <p>A wood</p> <p>B rubbish</p> <p>C water</p> <p>5 What does Simon Dale use to keep the hobbit house warm?</p> <p>A wood</p> <p>B heating</p> <p>C water</p> | <p>READING UNIT 5</p> |
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2) Complete with the words from the box. (5 P)

tap electricity candle plugs bulbs heating

- The power went off last night and we were all in the dark. We had a candle but we couldn't find any matches to light it with!
- We have special low-energy bulbs in all the lights in our house. They're expensive, but they last a long time and they don't use much power.
- The plugs in England are a different shape, and so I couldn't find a place to recharge my phone.
- Our local gym doesn't need heating to power the machines and lights. Instead, they use the power from people using the exercise bikes!
- We live in a tropical country. It's horrible when the weather is cold because the houses don't have any electricity.
- I hate this washbasin. The water from one tap is boiling hot, and the water from the other is freezing cold!