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Early humans did not live in houses the way we do today. Their homes were just shelters to 1. \_\_\_\_\_ them from wild animals, the sun and the rain. They either lived in caves or built shelters under trees.

Early humans usually stayed in groups. Their lives were difficult. They had to move from place to place in 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of food. They hunted, fished or picked wild berries and fruit. They made rough and simple tools such as stone choppers and stone axes. They ate 3. \_\_\_\_\_ food until they learnt how to make fires for cooking. For clothing, they wore the skins of animals or the bark of the trees.

Over time, their lives slowly changed. They collected the seeds of wild plants and sowed them. They learnt to plough the land and 4. \_\_\_\_\_ fruits, vegetables and other crops. They also tamed animals for their meat, milk and skins. They became farmers and began to lead more 5. \_\_\_\_\_ lives, no longer needing to move from place to place in search of food. Villages soon developed as houses were built.

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The coconut palm is a very wonderful plant. Almost every 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ of the coconut palm and its fruit is useful.

We get coconut water from young, green coconuts. When a coconut becomes ripe, it 2. \_\_\_\_\_ brown. The white flesh inside the coconut is called the kernel. When the kernel is scraped and squeeze, we get coconut milk for making curries and other types of food. Coconut milk is also used for making 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ like jellies and cakes. The kernel can also be dried to make copra.

The oil extracted from the copra is used for cooking and making soap.

The long trunk of the coconut palm is used for 4. \_\_\_\_\_ bridges and houses in villages. The hard centres of leaves can be used to make brooms and satay sticks. Even the husk of the ripe fruit 5. \_\_\_\_\_ a purpose. It is used for making brushes and mats. When polished, coconut shells can be used for all kinds of traditional handicraft and for making everyday objects like spoons and bowls.