

Iconic Traditional Houses in Indonesia

Houses in Indonesia Indonesia has many beautiful traditional houses, each with a unique design, material, and meaning. These houses match the local culture, climate, and way of life.

One famous house is the Rumah Gadang from West Sumatra, with a curved roof like buffalo horns and beautiful carvings.

Another is the Joglo from Central Java, with a high, pyramid-shaped roof and an open space for ceremonies.

In Sulawesi, the Tongkonan of the Toraja people stands on stilts, with a boat-shaped roof and bright colors.

In Papua, the Honai is a small, round house with a thatched roof, perfect for cold weather.

These houses are more than homes—they represent Indonesia's rich culture and traditions. Many are still built and used today.

1. What makes Indonesian traditional houses unique?
 - A. They are all the same shape
 - B. Each region has its own design and meaning
 - C. They are made of concrete
 - D. They are only found in cities

2. What is the Rumah Gadang known for?
 - A. A thatched roof
 - B. A boat-shaped design
 - C. A curved roof like buffalo horns
 - D. A small, round structure

3. What is the shape of the Joglo's roof?
 - A. Pyramid-shaped
 - B. Curved like buffalo horns
 - C. Boat-shaped
 - D. Round and small

4. Which house stands on wooden stilts?
 - A. Rumah Gadang
 - B. Joglo
 - C. Honai
 - D. Tongkonan

5. What is special about the Tongkonan's roof?
 - A. It is pyramid-shaped
 - B. It is curved like buffalo horns
 - C. It is boat-shaped
 - D. It is completely flat

6. Which house is small and round with a thatched roof?

- A. Joglo
- B. Honai
- C. Rumah Gadang
- D. Tongkonan

7. Why is the Honai suitable for cold weather?

- A. It has a large open space
- B. It is made of bamboo
- C. Its small, round shape keeps warmth inside
- D. It has air vents for cool air

8. Are traditional houses still used today?

- A. No, they are all abandoned
- B. Only for museums
- C. Yes, many people still build and live in them
- D. Only for tourists to visit

Making Sticker Signs

Sinta wants her family house to look neat and clean every day. She then has an idea. She thinks that it is a good idea to put a label or a sticker sign on every part of her house. Those sticker signs will remind her family about what to do to keep the house clean. She asks Galang and Ara to help her out.

They decided to write eight signs for the sticker. For example, Sinta made 'Please do not leave dirty dishes in the sink' sticker sign. Galang made 'Please flush the toilet after using' sticker sign. Ara made 'Please take off your shoes' sticker sign. Galang drew pictures for the stickers. Finally, they finished all the sticker signs. They put them anywhere in the house, such as on the toilet door or on the bedroom wall.

9. Why does Sinta want to put sticker signs in her house?

- A. To decorate the house
- B. To remind her family to keep the house clean
- C. To sell them to neighbors
- D. To make her house look colorful

10. Who helps Sinta make the sticker signs?

- A. Her parents
- B. Galang and Ara
- C. Her teacher
- D. Her neighbors

11. What sticker sign did Ara make?
- A. "Please take off your shoes"
 - B. "Please sweep the floor"
 - C. "Do not touch the TV"
 - D. "Close the refrigerator door"
12. What did they do after making the stickers?
- A. Kept them in a box
 - B. Put them around the house
 - C. Gave them to friends
 - D. Sold them at school
13. What does the story teach us?
- A. Stickers make a house pretty
 - B. Cleaning is not important
 - C. We should help keep our house clean
 - D. Only children should clean the house

Did You Know?

"No Shoes in the House"

Culture In most Asian countries, people remove their shoes as a sign of respect and for cleanliness. On the other hand, people in Britain, the United States, or in Mexico do wear shoes inside the house. If we ask a British person to take off their shoes at our front door, it may be a bit strange and a bit rude for him or her. In countries especially with cold temperatures, it is a good idea for people to wear slippers or house shoes indoors.



14. Why do most Asian countries ask people to remove their shoes?
- A. To make walking easier
 - B. As a sign of respect and for cleanliness
 - C. Because they have special house slippers
 - D. To follow Western culture
15. Which countries usually wear shoes inside the house?
- A. China, Japan, and Thailand
 - B. Britain, the United States, and Mexico
 - C. Indonesia, Korea, and India
 - D. Russia, Canada, and Vietnam
16. Why do some countries allow shoes inside the house?
- A. They like to keep the floor warm
 - B. They don't have house slippers
 - C. It is part of their culture
 - D. They don't care about cleanliness

17. What do people in cold countries wear inside the house?

- A. Boots
- B. Sandals
- C. Slippers or house shoes
- D. Barefoot

18. Which statement is true based on the text?

- A. Only Americans wear shoes inside the house
- B. All countries remove shoes before entering a house
- C. Wearing shoes inside depends on culture and climate
- D. People in Asia think it's rude to take off their shoes

Tips to Separate Rubbish

There are some tips on how to separate rubbish at home. The most simple way to separate your rubbish is by categorizing them into two types. First, you can collect organic rubbish. Examples of organic rubbish are food scrap, leaves, plants and soil. They can go into the composter. They are good to use as fertilizer. Second, you should collect non-organic rubbish. The materials that belong in this category are paper, plastic, cardboard, metal and fabric. Before we throw them into the recycle bin, we should clean them. Then, they can be recycled into new products. Separating rubbish is very useful to keep our environment clean. Read the text again and have a look at the rubbish collection. Can you separate them based on the categories?

19. What is the simplest way to separate rubbish?

- A. By throwing everything together
- B. By categorizing them into two types
- C. By burning the rubbish
- D. By putting them in one big bin

20. What are the two types of rubbish mentioned in the text?

- A. Wet and dry rubbish
- B. Recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish
- C. Organic and non-organic rubbish
- D. Hazardous and safe rubbish

21. Which of the following is an example of organic rubbish?

- A. Plastic bottle
- B. Food scrap
- C. Cardboard
- D. Metal can

22. What should we do with organic rubbish?

- A. Burn it
- B. Throw it in the river

- C. Put it in the composter
- D. Mix it with non-organic rubbish

23. What should we do before throwing non-organic rubbish into the recycle bin?

- A. Burn it
- B. Clean it
- C. Bury it in the ground
- D. Mix it with organic waste

24. What can non-organic rubbish be used for?

- A. Making fertilizer
- B. Making new products through recycling
- C. Feeding animals
- D. Cleaning the air

25. What is the main idea of the text?

- A. How to recycle plastic
- B. How to collect rubbish
- C. The importance of separating rubbish at home
- D. The danger of throwing away rubbish

Let's Clean Up the Yard

Equipment:

1. Two big plastic bags
2. Two pairs of gloves

Steps:

1. Prepare the equipment to separate the rubbish.
2. Wear the gloves.
3. Put the first plastic bag for organic rubbish
4. Put another plastic bag for non-organic rubbish
5. Separate the rubbish based on the categories, for example food scraps and vegetables go into the first plastic bag. Then, plastic, glass, paper, and wood go into the other bag.
6. Finally, put the bags into the correct rubbish bin.

26. What should you wear before handling the rubbish?

- A. A mask
- B. A hat
- C. Gloves
- D. Shoes

27. What is the function of the second plastic bag?
- A. To collect organic waste
 - B. To store gloves
 - C. To collect non-organic waste
 - D. To throw away gloves
28. Which of the following belongs to the non-organic rubbish category?
- A. Banana peels
 - B. Vegetable scraps
 - C. Plastic and glass
 - D. Leftover food
29. Why is it important to wear gloves during the process?
- A. To keep hands clean and safe
 - B. To make the work faster
 - C. To look professional
 - D. To avoid getting wet
30. The table cloth ... on the table.
- A. are
 - B. am
 - C. is
 - D. were
31. The ducks ... playing in the garden.
- A. is
 - B. am
 - C. are
 - D. was
32. Dona and Doni ... at work right now.
- A. are
 - B. is
 - C. am
 - D. be

Monita's bedroom is very spacious. She loves to hang out in her bedroom. When we go inside, there is one large bed. If we look closely, we can see a drawer under her bed. There are many dolls inside the drawer. Next to the bed, there is a side table with a lamp above it. She has a big white cupboard which is full of colorful clothes. She likes Justin Bieber so she sticks some posters of him on the wall. Between the posters, she hangs a picture of her and her best friends. In front of her bed, there is a cabinet with a television above it. She tidies up her bedroom every day. No wonder her room is very neat and clean.

33. What can we find in Tamara's bedroom?

- A. A bed, a side table, books, and a television.
- B. A picture, dolls, a chair, and a rug.
- C. A drawer, a bed, dolls, a side table, and a cupboard.
- D. A bed, a side table, a radio, and a lamp.

34. What does Tamara hang between the posters?

- A. A picture of her and her best friends.
- B. A television.
- C. A picture of beautiful lamps.
- D. Colorful clothes.

35. Where does Tamara place her lamp?

- A. She places her lamp inside the cupboard in front of the bed.
- B. She places her lamp above the side table next to the large bed.
- C. She places her lamp above the drawer next to the large bed.
- D. She places her lamp under the side table next to the large bed.