

Using What Is at Hand

There are many kinds of homes. People make their homes from what is at hand.



This home is made of wood. Wood is easy to build with.



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Expanding Vocabulary

at hand (at hand) *adv.* within reach
(page 20)

My books are *at hand* for when I do homework.

wood (wōōd) *n.* the hard material that makes up the trunk and branches of many plants or trees (page 21)

Many people have furniture made of *wood*, such as chairs.



Comprehension Skills

Compare and Contrast

- ◆ Remind students that comparing and contrasting pieces of information from the selection can help them better understand the text.
- ◆ Have students look at the descriptions of the houses on pages 22 and 23. Ask the following questions:
 - *How are these two homes different from each other?* **Possible Answers** *One house is made of sticks and mud, and it doesn't have any windows. The other house is made of wood, and it has windows. It also has a roof made of grass.*
 - *How are these houses alike?* **Possible Answers** *Both houses have roofs and walls. Both houses will keep out rain and wind.*