



Strange house





STRANGE HOUSES



Most of us live in an apartment or in a house. Our homes often look similar to our neighbours' from the outside, but on the inside they can be very different. Most of us like our homes to be cosy and comfortable, but we have very different ideas about what that means. Some people like to have bright colours and lots of furniture, others prefer a cool, modern-looking home.

However, some houses look very unusual from the outside. Have a look at these four photos.



1 Do you like flying? Then, this attractive house is for you. It's in Lebanon and is the shape of a plane. It's got small windows, so it's not very light inside, but in a warm country, small windows keep a house cool in summer.

2 This very unusual house is in Mexico. It looks like part of the rock – and it is! The walls and the roof of the house are part of a very big rock. The family made the house more than 30 years ago. We can't see inside, but it looks quite dark, cool and peaceful.

3 In 1968, a group of swimmers first had the idea to build this tiny house on a rock in the middle of the River Drina in Serbia. It's not only small but, as you can see, it's also not easy to get there. In winter it can be quite cold, so people use it mostly in summer.

4 A Japanese company designed this football-shaped house in 2006. It's got 32 sides and four legs and can sit on top of water. It's very small but has big windows, so there is lots of light. What a great place to live!



attractive



bright



cold

comfortable





cosy



dark



light



peaceful



tiny

unusual





warm

1 What does the house in Lebanon look like?

2 Why are small windows important

in a warm country?

3 What is the Mexican house made of?

4 How old is the house?

5 What can you find in the middle of the River Drina?

6 When do most people use the house? Why?

7 What does the Japanese house look like?

8 Why is it very bright inside?

VOGABULARY

Adjectives to describe homes

1 Find these words in the article and complete the table.

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attractive bright cold comfortable
cool cosy dark light peaceful
tiny unusual warm



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Listen and check. Then repeat.

Opinion	Size	Temperature	Sound	Light
Opinion: attractive, comfortable, cosy, unusual	Size: tiny	Temperature: cold, cool, warm	Sound: peaceful	Light: bright, dark, light