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Houses around the world
In a minute

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Houses around the world

All over the world, people live in different kinds of houses. Houses can be made from lots of materials and be found in all sorts of unexpected places!

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My name is Sara and I live on a houseboat in a country called France.

[braille page 3] Living on a boat on the water means that my house can move and my family can travel to lots of interesting places.

My boat has everything you need, just like a house on land! We even have a special machine that gives us electricity but it can sometimes run out. I have to be careful about how much time I spend having a **[braille page 4]** shower or watching television because they both use electricity.

My favourite part of living on a houseboat is that I am able to see lots of different wildlife. Watching a family of otters while eating breakfast is not something everyone is lucky enough to do.

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My name is Bora and I live in a country called Mongolia. I live in a house called a ger.

A ger is a round tent that can be moved from place to place. We keep animals that need to move to different places to eat. Because we have to go with the animals, our house has to be able to move too. Our ger is made of wooden poles **[braille page 6]** tied together to make a round shape.

Gers have one room and a hole in the middle of the roof. This lets in fresh air and sunlight. Gers are covered with special fabric to help keep out the wind and rain.

Some gers, like mine, have solar panels, which turn sunlight into electricity. This means we **[braille page 7]** can charge our phones wherever we go!

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My name is Tom and I live in a lighthouse in Scotland. My house is built high up on a cliff at the edge of the sea.

Living by the water in a tall lighthouse gives me the chance to see some amazing views. On sunny days, I will climb to the top of the **[braille page 8]** lighthouse to look out across the sea. There are nearly 100 steps in total so it is harder than it sounds. Sometimes, the weather is not good and I can't see much from my lighthouse.

During heavy storms, it can be hard for me to get out and about, so I always have to have lots of food and water ready in case I **[braille page 9]** can’t get to the shops for weeks! Luckily, there is plenty of room in a lighthouse to store all those extra supplies.

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My name is Ella and I live in an underground house in a country called Australia. A large part of this country is desert and it is very hot in the summer.

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One way to stop yourself sweating in the heat is to live below ground where it is much cooler. Special air tunnels called shafts let in fresh air from outside. This keeps the underground rooms cool.

Even though my house is underground, it has everything that an above-ground house has. It has a kitchen, bathroom, **[braille page 11]** bedrooms and sitting room. My

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house has electricity, water, a telephone and even the internet. The only thing it doesn't have is windows! Tunnels connect all the houses so you can easily visit your neighbours.
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The best part about living underground is that you are not disturbed by any outside noise, so you will definitely have a good night's sleep!

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In a minute

Mum was busy baking.
"It looks like rain," she said.
"Please can you bring in the washing, Rory?"
"In a minute, Mum..." Rory said. He was busy eating a snack.
Fifteen minutes later, it started raining. The clothes on the line were soaked.
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"Oh, Rory!" said Mum.
Dad was working in the garage.
"Please can you go and get my newspaper, Rory?"
"In a minute..." Rory said.
He was busy playing.
Half an hour later, Rory went to the shop – but it had closed!
"Oh, Rory," grumbled Dad.
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On the way to school, Rory stopped to look in a toy shop window.
"Come on," said his friend, Terry. "We'll be late!"
"In a minute..." Rory said. He was busy looking at the toys.
The teacher told them off for being late.
"It's your fault, Rory," mumbled Terry.
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Everybody was fed up with Rory.
"He never does things on time," said Dad.
"And he's always late," said Mum.
"He's impossible!" agreed Terry.
They decided something had to be done...
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Rory was hungry after playing football all afternoon.
"Can you make me a sandwich, Dad?" he asked.
"In a minute..." Dad said. He carried on watching TV.
Rory wanted to go for a bike ride with his friends, but his bike had a flat tyre.
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"Can you fix it, Mum?" asked Rory.
"In a minute..." Mum said. She carried on reading her newspaper. Rory sulked when his friends left without him.
"Everyone keeps making me wait!" Rory cried.
"Now you know how it feels," said Mum.
Mum thought it would help to buy Rory a watch. **[braille page 19**] Rory watched as the second hand ticked its way around.
"A minute's not long at all!" said Rory. "I'm sorry, I didn't realise I was taking so long."
"Will you show me your new watch?" asked Terry.
"In a min–" began Rory, but then he stopped.
"Oh, okay," he grinned.

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