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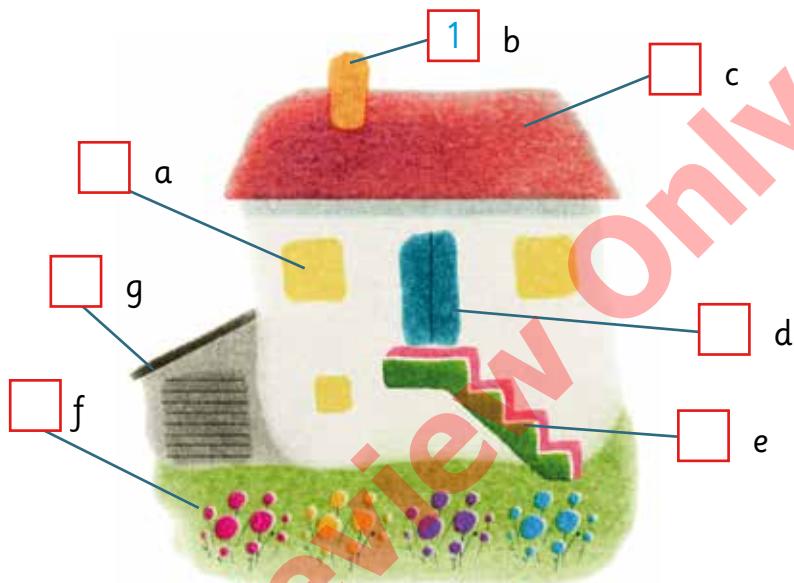




Before you read



1 Match the parts of the house.



- 1 The chimney is orange.
- 2 The garage is grey.
- 3 The door is blue.
- 4 The windows are yellow.
- 5 The stairs are green and pink.
- 6 The roof is red.
- 7 There are flowers in the garden. They're all different colours.

2 Describe your house.

3 Alfred the town mouse goes shopping.
What does he buy?



bread



chocolate
cake



sausages



clothes



books



exercise
books



potatoes
and
tomatoes



video game



► 2

Jack is a mouse who lives in the country. He's very happy today because his best friend, Alfred, is coming to lunch. Alfred is a town mouse.

Jack and Alfred are very different. Jack loves the country. He lives in the fields. He doesn't live in a house. Life is simple. He likes living outside.

Jack eats fruit and green grass. And there's always clean water in the fountain.

There are no cars in the country. Jack can run and play because it's safe and quiet.



Answer the questions.

1 Where does Jack live? Where do you live?

Jack lives _____. I live _____.

2 What does Jack eat when he's hungry?

And you? What do you eat?

Jack eats _____.

I eat _____.

3 What does Jack drink when he's thirsty?

And you? What do you drink?

Jack drinks _____.

I drink _____.

► 3 Jack is waiting for Alfred. He wants to show Alfred the country.

But what's that? What's that noise? BRUM, BRUM! It's Alfred. He's riding a motorbike.

Jack and Alfred say hello. They're very happy. Alfred wants to put his motorbike in the garage. But there isn't a garage! Jack doesn't need a garage because he hasn't got a car. He walks everywhere.



Alfred wants to see Jack's house. But Jack hasn't got a house. He lives outside! Alfred doesn't understand. 'You haven't got a bedroom! You haven't got a kitchen! My home in the town is better!' says Alfred.



Write the words.

motorbike • the underground • ~~hot-air~~ balloon
train • bike • bus • car • plane

1



hot-air balloon

2



3



4



5



6



7



8





Let's act!

Scene 1

[the telephone rings: Ring!]

JACK Hello, Alfred. It's Jack.

ALFRED Hello, Jack! How are you?

JACK I'm fine, thanks. Would you like to come for lunch tomorrow?

ALFRED Yes! That's a good idea.

JACK Great!

ALFRED OK, see you tomorrow.

Scene 2

[a motorbike arrives: Brum, brum! Alfred is riding a broomstick for a motorbike.]

NARRATOR Alfred arrives in the country.

JACK What's that?

ALFRED Hi, Jack. It's me!

JACK What a noise!

ALFRED Sorry! Can I put my motorbike in the garage?

JACK Garage? I haven't got a garage.

ALFRED Really? Where do you put your car?

JACK I haven't got a car. I walk everywhere.

ALFRED OK. Can you show me your house?

JACK I live in the country. I live outside. I haven't got a house because the fields are my home.



Activities – Play time



- 1** What's good and what's bad about life in the town and life in the country? Use the words in the box to help you.

quiet • animals • noise • transport • clean air
pollution • nature • fresh food • traffic • shops

Life in the town		Life in the country	
What's good? 😊	What's bad? 😞	What's good? 😊	What's bad? 😞

- 2** Do you like the town or the country?

I like the _____ because _____

I don't like the _____ because _____