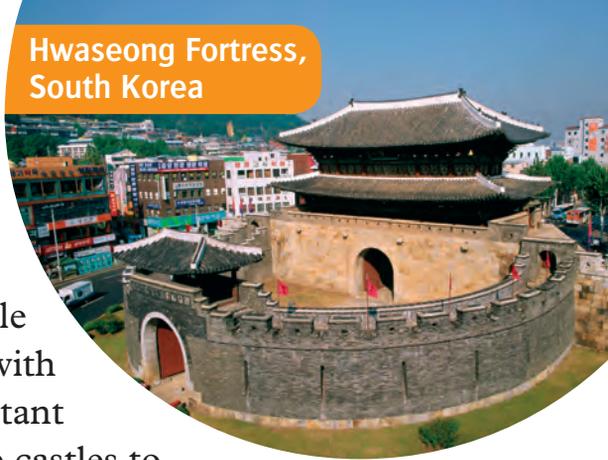


Stone Houses

Some people in the past built houses from stone because it was strong. Poor people lived in small houses with only one room. Important rich people built stone castles to live in. These took many years to build.

The Ancient Greeks built houses with mud bricks on top of stone blocks. The roofs were usually made of tiles.

The Incas lived in Peru. They built houses with stone blocks. Each block was carefully cut and polished so the houses looked great when they were finished. The houses had thatched roofs made of straw.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Inca walls were strong because there were spaces between the blocks. When there was an earthquake, the blocks moved, but the walls didn't fall down!

Wooden Houses

The Ancient Chinese people built wooden houses. They had long roofs made of a wood called bamboo. Many Chinese houses were built on platforms to protect the wood from water.

The Ancient Romans built houses with wood, mud, and stone. They also used some materials that we use today, like concrete. Some Roman houses had a bathroom, plumbing, and heating.



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Homes in the Past



Read pages 4–7.

1 Write the words.

mud house wooden house stone house
straw house cave castle



1 stone house



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Write the numbers.

5,000 3,400 ~~50,000~~ 2,400 2,000

- 1 About 50,000 years ago people lived in caves.
- 2 The Ancient Egyptians built mud houses about _____ years ago.
- 3 Chinese people built wooden houses about _____ years ago.
- 4 About _____ years ago the Ancient Greeks built stone houses.
- 5 About _____ years ago some Roman houses had heating.