Name: _____ Date: _____

Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Circle group

In some places, a river can rise after big rains. Water spreads over the ground. A house on the ground can get wet.

So some families build houses on stilts. Stilts are tall posts made of wood. They hold the house up high. Water can flow under the house.

The family climbs a ladder to get home. A boat may be tied to a post. A stilt house is a smart way to live near water.

Questions

1. What are stilts?

_____

_____

2. What happens to a river after big rains?

_____

_____

3. How does a family get up into the house?

_____

_____

4. What may be tied to a post?

_____

_____

5. Why do stilts keep the house dry?

_____

_____

Words to know

stilts: tall posts that hold a house up high
ladder: steps you climb to go up or down
rise: to go up higher
post: a tall, strong piece of wood standing up

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Triangle group

In some places, a river can rise high after big rains. The water spreads over the ground. A house on the ground might get wet.

So some families build houses on stilts. Stilts are tall posts made of wood. They lift the house up high. Water can flow under the house and not get inside.

The family may climb a ladder to get home. They may keep a boat tied to a post. Under the house, they can hang nets or store things. A stilt house is a smart way to live near water.

Questions

1. What are stilts?

_____

_____

2. What happens to a river after big rains?

_____

_____

3. How does a family get up into the house?

_____

_____

4. What might be tied to a post?

_____

_____

5. Why do stilts keep the house dry?

_____

_____

Words to know

stilts: tall posts that hold a house up high
ladder: steps you climb to go up or down
rise: to go up higher
post: a tall, strong piece of wood standing up

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Square group

In certain places, a river can climb very high after heavy rains, and the water spreads out across the ground. A house built right on the ground might end up soaked.

For that reason, some families build their homes on stilts, which are tall wooden posts that lift the house high into the air. The water can rush underneath without ever reaching the rooms inside.

The family may climb a ladder to get home, and a boat may be tied to one of the posts. Underneath the house, they can hang nets or store things. A stilt house is a clever way to live near water.

Questions

1. What are stilts?

_____

_____

2. What can happen to a river after heavy rains?

_____

_____

3. How does a family get up into the house?

_____

_____

4. What may be tied to one of the posts?

_____

_____

5. Why do stilts keep the rooms dry?

_____

_____

Words to know

stilts: tall posts that hold a house up high

ladder: steps you climb to go up or down

post: a tall, strong piece of wood standing up

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Easier · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Tall posts made of wood.
2. It can rise.
3. They climb a ladder.
4. A boat.
5. They hold the house up, so water flows under it.

Triangle: Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.6

1. Tall posts made of wood.
2. It can rise high.
3. They climb a ladder.
4. A boat.
5. They lift the house up, so water flows under it.

Square: Houses on Tall Legs Above the Water

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.1

1. Tall wooden posts that lift a house into the air.
2. It can climb very high.
3. They climb a ladder.
4. A boat.
5. They lift the house up, so water rushes underneath it.