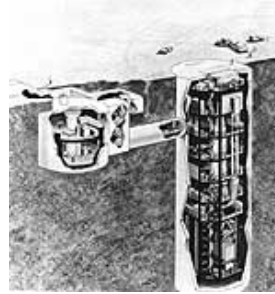


Part 1: Discuss what the photos have in common. Can you guess what the title of the article is?



Can you predict what vocabulary words might be in the text?

Part 2: Read the text and match the photos with the corresponding sections. (There are more photos than sections and some sections do not have corresponding photos.) Are your vocabulary words in the text?

10 Unusual Places to Live



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Finding and buying your first home has never been harder, we are told, so it should come as no surprise that many people are looking for other ways to live. And there are more than you might think. Here are 10 of the most striking - though not necessarily practical - ways to get ahead without getting a house.

1. The humble shipping container is more versatile than you might think. BBC Three's Guerrilla Homes transports a converted container around the country, depositing it in a variety of locations and surprising people with the number of mod cons it can fit. And you don't even have to stop at one - stacked homes have been created with eight or more containers combined.
2. The M-house, a cross between a house and a caravan, is also extremely versatile. It can be transported like a prefabricated house, but is more mobile. Crucially, it's practically custom-made for getting around planning regulations.
3. Fancy yourself as a sculptor? Then why not sculpt your own house? Cob building is an ancient technique whereby mud, sand, and straw are mixed together and shaped into a building. You have to make sure it's on firm foundations first, but on the bright side you can sculpt your furniture too.
4. If you can't stand cities, you're not alone. Neither could the Mongols, who preferred to live in large temporary tent-like structures called yurts. These have been recreated today, using modern materials but still constructed along Mongol principles: they can be put up in a few hours, and taken down again when you - or the leaders of your tribe - decide to move on.
5. If you want a slightly more futuristic twist to your temporary building, take a look at the 'Space Frame' house, designed, constructed and lived in by Danish artists N55 . Constructed along simple geometric principles with a triangular lattice structure, its inside resembles a spaceship - and they claim that it could be used in space too. And if you don't like it, its shell folds up so completely that you can store it "under the sofa". Where your sofa goes, though, is a bit more tricky.
6. And N55 haven't stopped there. If you want mobility but are pushed for space, perhaps you could consider what may be the smallest house in the world - their Snail Shell house. Shaped like a great wheel, it's small and light enough that moving house simply means turning it on its side and rolling it elsewhere. It even comes with a paddle in case you feel like living on water.
7. Alternatively, you could take the idea of the mobile home to a whole new level. Some people have chosen to buy buses for the specific purpose of living in. With the seats removed, they can be converted into anything you like.
8. At the Findhorn community in Scotland, a pioneer in alternative housing, a particularly novel type of house has been produced from the giant barrels used in the making of whisky. It might not be a good idea to stay indoors too much, though.
9. For housing with an extra dimension, leave the ground and try a tree house instead. As you'd expect from one of the oldest forms of alternative housing around, all kinds of types are available - even fully furnished spheres, suspended from the branches.
10. Finally, if even the thought of staying on land repels you, you could always follow the example of Roy Bates, who set up home on a disused WWII anti-aircraft fortress in the North Sea. You might not want to go quite as far as calling it a sovereign principality, however, as Roy (or rather, Prince Roy of Sealand) did, along with issuing passports, stamps and currency.

On "Guerrilla Homes", which is broadcast on 6 September on BBC Three at 1930 BST, architect Charlie Luxton looks at ingenious ways of solving the nationwide crisis in affordable housing.

Part 3: Find words or phrases in the text which mean:

Intro. to make progress

1. to put one on top of the other
2. to deal with a problem successfully
3. to form or make something
4. to relocate one's self or family
5. to look like or appear similar to
6. an oar or a tool that permits one to move a boat
7. –
8. new and different
9. –
10. to supply or make things available for people to buy and use

Conclusion. to be cheap enough that people can buy something - affordable

Part 4: Points for discussion:

1. Do you know of any other types of unusual places to live?
2. Have you had any personal experiences or have you seen anyone living in similar circumstances?
3. Would you consider any of these “unusual homes” for yourself?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying or building such a home?

Photos (top to bottom, left to right)

Snail Shell house

Sealand

A farm silo

A cave house in the Ozarks

Shipping containers

A glass house

A renovated fire tower

Yurts

Missile Silo house

Tree house

The M-house

A Cob house

A shanty in Japan

The N55

An airplane house

4. to relocate one's self or family – move

5. to look like or appear similar to - resemble

6. an oar or a tool that permits one to move a boat - paddle

7. –

8. new and different - novel

9. –

10. to supply or make things available for people to buy and use – issue

Conclusion. to be cheap enough that people can buy something - affordable

Introduction. to make progress – get ahead

1. to put one on top of the other - stack
2. to deal with a problem successfully – get around
3. to form or make something - shape