

I Want  
**THAT**  
House!



Have you ever looked upward at a house on tall stilts? This child carries a heavy basket, looking up at the wooden home above. A ladder leads safely to the door. Living this high keeps people safe from dogs that wander by at night.



Some people live right where they work. This woman runs a small shop from her home. A **buyer** leans **closer** to see her goods, while children sit nearby, watching plates of **freshly** cooked food.

An **older** man rests **calmly** beside a pile of green produce. The woman smiles **warmly** and hands a ripe treat to a **thankful** child.





Some people choose to share one big home. Children race and play beneath the raised house, sounding **lively** and **cheerful**. Two adults watch over them **closely**.

Even a small pet sleeps **calmly** on the ground nearby. Sharing chores and looking after each other makes **childhood** feel safe and warm.

Some people like to live closer to town. This woman proudly runs a stand, with fresh food stacked brightly in the sun. A buyer reaches forward for a snack while a boy on a bike waves as he rides by. The cheerful woman always has plenty for the whole town.





In a big city, some people live in **smaller** homes stacked inside a tall building. At one window, a woman sits at her sewing machine while a child stands close beside her, watching **closely**. Clothes hang on a rack behind them and a fashion **poster** shines **brightly** on the wall. She must use every corner to make her cosy home fit in one small room.

Some houses have a garage right under the home. Inside, a worker crouches beside a big bike, fixing it with tools hung neatly on the walls. Outside, a child quickly rolls a tyre along the ground while a small dog watches. Keeping a big bike in top shape takes hard work.



Some people live on houseboats that float on **peaceful** water.

Three children enjoy the **wooden** deck. One holds a fishing net over the railing, a second sits **calmly** at the side, and a third stands near potted plants.

A small boat bobs close by, ready to bring supplies from shore. The **cheerful** children watch little fish dart **swiftly** below the deck.



'And that,' said the teacher, tapping the board with her pointer, 'is why every home is just right for someone.' One boy stared **closely** at the row on the board.

'Which home would you pick?' the teacher asked. Every eager hand shot **swiftly upward**.





If you could choose any of these homes, which would you pick? A tall house on stilts? A houseboat on the water? A cosy cabin or a cheerful little shop?

Each home fits its own way of living. Finding your home one day is half the fun. There are so many lively spots to live.



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What would YOU do with a house on tall wooden stilts, or one that floats peacefully on the waves? Follow a child with a basket of mangoes as they wander past shops, gardens, and garages, meeting families who live in the most surprising homes. Could there really be a perfect house - and which one would you pick? This decodable reader practises suffixes in words like 'proudly,' 'brightens,' 'cheerful,' and 'worker.'

**Reading Skills:** Suffix

bigger, brightens, brightly, buyer, calmly, cheerful, childhood, closely, closer, forward, freshly, lively, neatly, older, peaceful, poster, proudly, quickly, safely, smaller, swiftly, teacher, thankful, upward, warmly, wooden, worker

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