

# Housing in Australia



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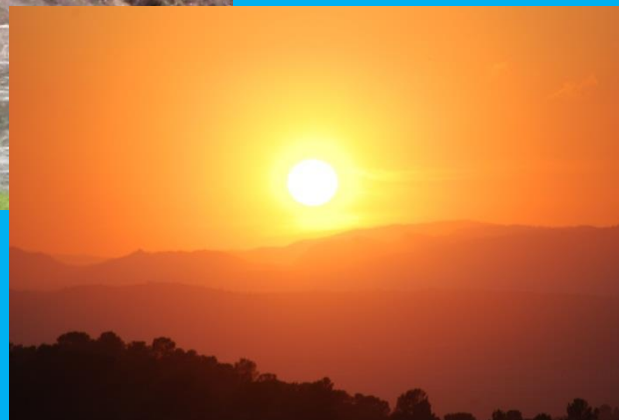
People need to have a home of some type. A home gives us shelter from the weather and a place to rest and keep safe.



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This slideshow is about the materials some of the homes in Australia are made from.



Lots of wood

Some metal

This is a house. What materials have been used to make it?

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The walls of this house are made from wood, but the roof is made from metal. What are the windows made from? Why are these materials good for building houses?

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The roof of this house is made from clay tiles.  
Why are they a suitable material?



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This is a block of flats.

What materials have been used?

What would be the properties of these materials?

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These  
apartment  
buildings are  
very tall. What  
materials have  
been used?  
Why?





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When we build houses we have to make them strong on the inside as well as the outside.

What material is being used for the house frame? What do you think the floor is made from?



What about the stairs for this home?  
What are they made from?  
Why have these materials been used?

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We can see that the different materials we build homes from can be strong, hard, waterproof, durable and sometimes see-through (or transparent).

Sometimes the home needs to be towed so it can be moved from place to place.



What do you think would happen if we made caravans from bricks?

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Sometimes the home only needs to be used for a short while, like when we go camping.



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We need this home to be made from materials that we can pack up into a bag, but still give us shelter. What properties would these materials need?

The materials we choose to build our homes in Australia are chosen because of their properties.

We are lucky to have materials that are strong, tough, long lasting (durable), waterproof and sometimes see-through.