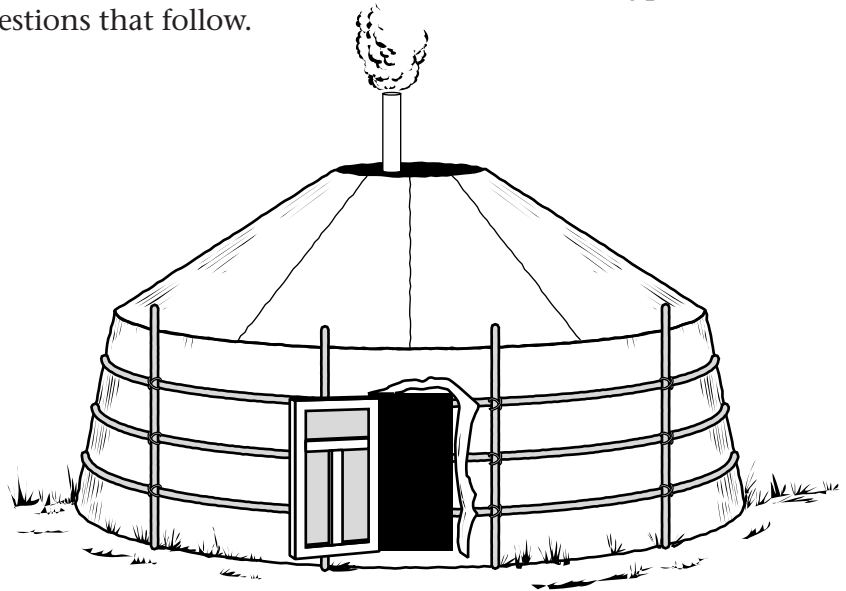


# Activity 24

## Homes of All Kinds

Throughout history, people around the world have lived in all kinds of homes. The design of a home depends on the technology people have, the available building materials, the climate, the space available, and the local customs.

**Directions:** Read about the homes of nomadic herders in Mongolia. Choose another type of home from the list below. Use print or online resources to research facts about this type of home. Then respond to the statements or questions that follow.



Mongolian herders live in circular, felt tents called yurts. Used for centuries, yurts are highly flexible: they are warm in winter, cool in summer. They are easy to dismantle, can be carried by a single pack animal, and can be set up in a half-hour. The walls of yurts are a lattice work of criss-crossed poles. The domed roof, made from a wooden hoop into which roof poles fit, allows smoke to escape. The walls and the roof are covered with felt. Many layers are used in the winter, few in the summer.

### Types of Homes—Through Time & Around the World

adobe home	dugout	log cabin	tipi (or tepee)
mobile home	igloo	row house	thatched cottage

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1. Use the facts you gathered to describe the home that you selected. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you think people build that type of home? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Compare and contrast daily life for people living in this home with daily life at your home. Explain the similarities and differences.

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4. How do you think your home would be different if you lived 100 years in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How do you think your home will be different 100 years from now? \_\_\_\_\_

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