

Chembakolli – a village in India

Housing & Homes - Lesson ideas

This set of activities supports learning about the different types of housing in and around Chembakolli. Learners identify the features and materials used in the houses that are built today and compare these to houses in their local area.

	My home	Picture Partners	Take a walk through a picture	Build a Chembakolli house
Aims	To explore houses in the UK and compare with houses in Chembakolli.	To observe features of a house and use key vocabulary.	To imagine what it is like to live in a house in the forest.	To identify features of a house in Chembakolli. To understand how local materials are used in building houses.
Resources	Images: Use a range of images of houses in your local area Housing & Homes PowerPoint	Image: Any housing image from the Housing & Homes PowerPoint	Image: Any housing image from the Housing & Homes PowerPoint	Activity sheets: 'Layout plan' and 'Build a house' Image sheet: 'Houses around Chembakolli'
Instructions	Learners study the pictures to describe different types of housing in their local area. They identify features and materials that are used for the roof and walls. How is each house designed for the climate in the UK? Learners draw a picture of their own home, label the features and describe what materials have been used to build it. Which part of their home do they spend most time, who lives in their home, what is their favourite part of their home? What sounds can they hear? What can they see out of	Print off a photograph of one of the houses from an Adivasi village. Learners sit back to back, one with the photograph and one with a handheld whiteboard or piece of paper. The learner with the photograph needs to describe the house clearly enough for his/her partner to draw it. Learners compare images at the end of the activity. Beyond the frame In their picture partners, learners select an image and draw what they think is happening beyond the view.	Choose an image and project it onto the interactive whiteboard or wall. Learners describe what they can see to each other. They take it in turns to be blindfolded and 'walk through the scene'. Learners walk arm-in-arm, with one leading the blindfolded learner around the room pretending it is the setting portrayed in the image. They give directions as they go, e.g. 'duck down to avoid the low-hanging branch on this tree'... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did it feel like to walk around? • Was it easy or difficult to 	Use the Image sheet to recap the materials used in each type of house. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each type of roof and walls. Hand out Activity 'Layout plan' and use the grid references to locate the houses or facilities. Eg. Washing stone. Learners could use compass and scale to locate features. Imagine the class live in Chembakolli - divide learners into 'families' and hand out the 'Build a house' activity. Each family in Chembakolli builds its own house,

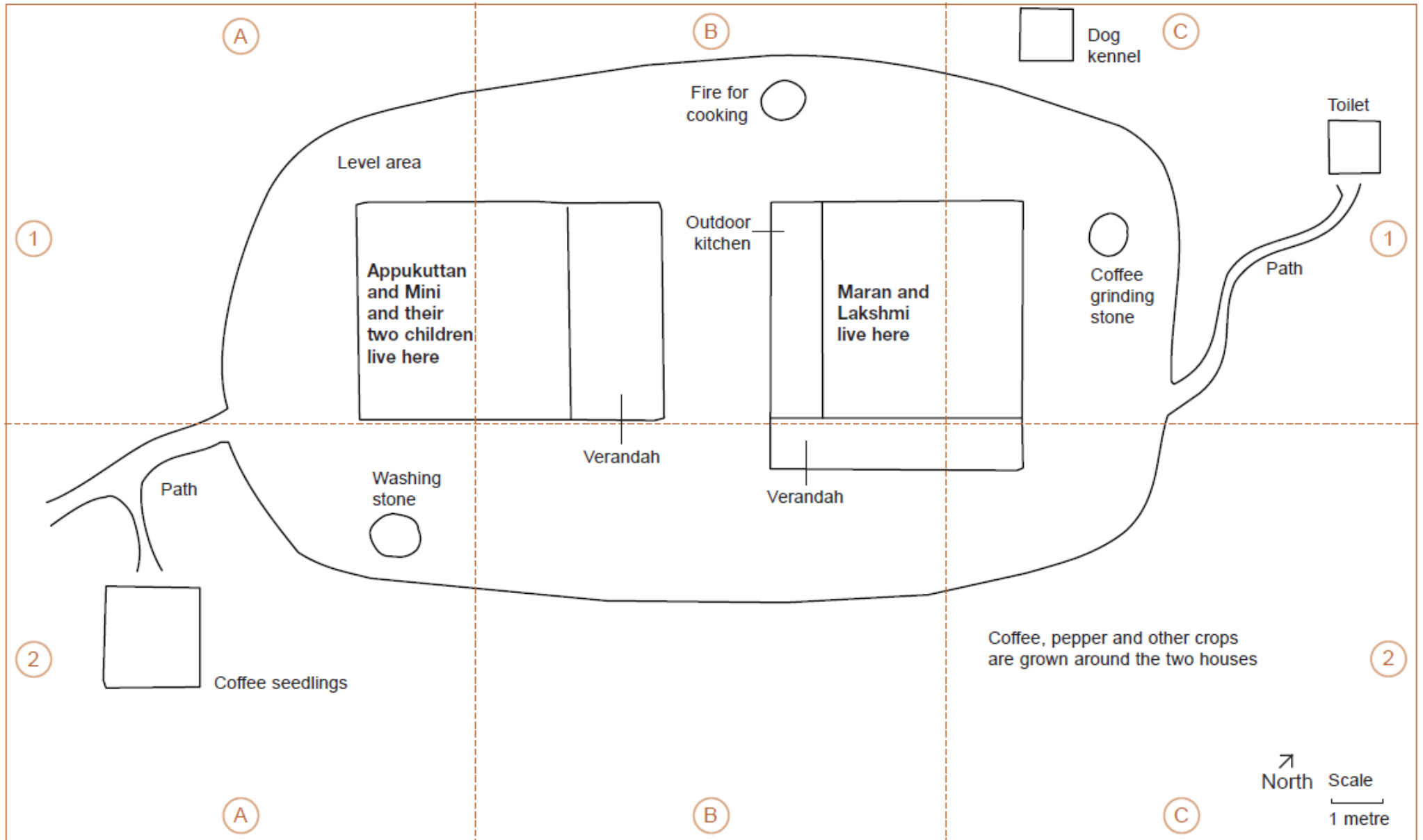
	<p>the window?</p> <p>Learners can draw a layout plan of the inside of their home, annotating it with descriptions. Share with the class.</p> <p>Show the Chembakolli Housing & Homes PowerPoint and compare the houses with the UK. What are the similarities and differences between the children's drawings?</p>		<p>describe the scene?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think it is like to live in the forest? 	<p>even though everyone helps in its construction.</p> <p>Each 'family' decides on the type of house they want to build. They cut this out from the activity sheet and stick this on a large sheet of paper. Annotate the house, explaining which material they have used for the walls and roof.</p> <p>Each 'family' explains to the rest of the 'community' why they have chosen their house and materials. Learners can draw a layout plan to show how it is designed for cooking, sleeping, playing, reading, writing and washing. Compare this layout to their own homes.</p>
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Image sheet: Houses around Chembakolli



Activity sheet: Layout plan



Activity sheet: Build a house

