



UNIT 1

A HOUSE A HOME (POEM)

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➤ SUMMARY

A house and a home are not the same thing. They differ in many ways. A house is just a set of rooms made of brick and stone, wood and glass. It has an open ground, tile floors, cement, plaster on the walls, windows and doors. But it is a lifeless structure.

A home is a living unit. It means a family, a set of members. It has parents and children. They are bonded with ties of love and respect. They take care of each other. They share each other's joy and sorrow. They work selflessly and co-operate to meet their basic needs.



Stanza 1

What is a house?

It's **brick** and **stone**
and **wood** that's hard.

Some **window glass**
and perhaps a **yard**.

It's **eaves** and **chimneys**

and **tile floors**

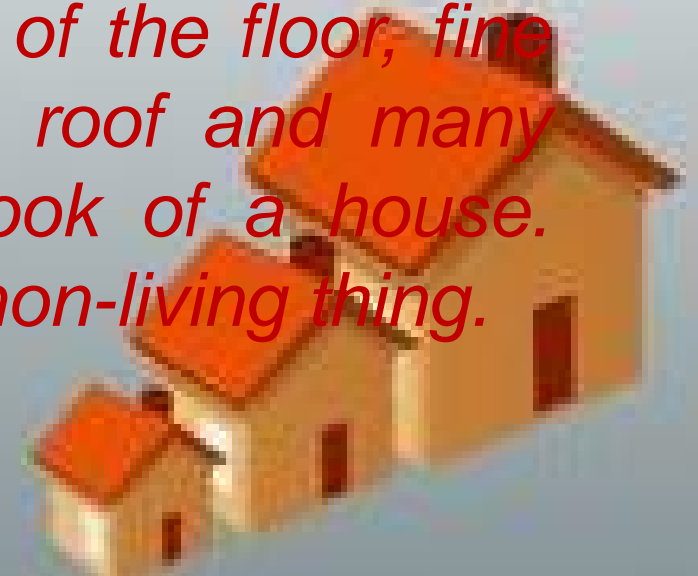
and **stucco** and **roof**

and **lots of doors**.



Explanation

In this stanza, the poet is explaining the ingredients or material used to make a house. The poet says that bricks, stone and wood are used to make a house. It also has window glass and corridors or open space in front and back of the house for gardening. Tiles of the floor, fine paints, roof, elevations of the roof and many doors that give it a perfect look of a house. Thus, a house is a completely non-living thing.



Stanza 2

What is a home?

It's **loving** and **family**
and doing for others.

It's **brothers** and **sisters**
and **fathers** and **mothers**.

It's **unselfish** acts
and **kindly** sharing

and showing your **loved ones**;
you're always **caring**



Explanation

Here, the poet has explained the nature of a home and what makes a house- a home. It is the family members- brothers-sisters, mothers- fathers who together make a home. Their acts without any selfish interest, their concern for each other, their wish to work for each others' happiness and well-being. Their wish to show love and care towards each other is what makes a house - a home.



➤ NEW VOCABULARY

1. Brick
2. Stone
3. Stucco
4. Yard
5. Unselfish
6. Eaves
7. Chimney



➤ WORD MEANINGS



1. Chimney – passage for carrying off smoke



2. Sharing – working together

3. Stucco – a fine plaster or cement



4. Yard – a small enclosed ground or garden

5. Eaves – the overhanging edge of a roof



➤ WORKING WITH THE POEM

Q1. Do you agree with what the poet says? Talk to your partner and complete these sentences.

1. A house is made of lifeless brick and stone.
2. It has window glasses, a courtyard, tile floors, doors and a roof.
3. A home is made by loving and caring parents and children.
4. It has members who understand each other. They love and care for one another selflessly.

Q2. Now complete these sentences about your house and home.

1. My house is a structure of bricks, marbles and tiles. It has beautiful windows, ventilators and doors.
2. The best thing about my home is that all the members are very loving and caring. There are no disputes or quarrels among us.





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