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Reading Guide and Activities for *Home is a Hug* by Cindy Wume

Suitable for ages 5+

National Curriculum links: Supporting Understanding the World (EYFS), All About Me (EYFS) and Houses and Homes (KS1) teaching.

Themes:

- Different types of houses
- Moving home
- Family
- Coping with change
- Feeling safe

With spare, gentle text and colourful illustrations, this interactive picture book imagines the many different shapes a home can take, from an apple to an umbrella, a cardboard box, a cosy reading nook and finally a reassuring hug. Clever lift-the-flap and peek-through pages invite readers to uncover hidden surprises and unexpected delights.

Perfect for any child navigating change, this is a playful ode to all the places we find comfort, reminding little ones that there's always a home waiting for us at the end of the day.



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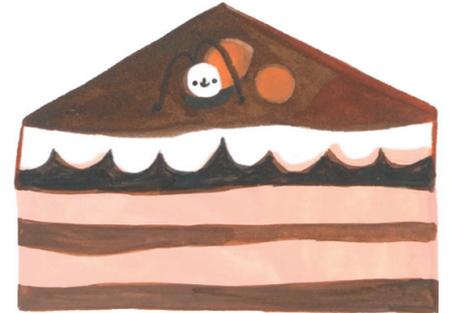
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Reading and Discussion:

1. Look at the front cover together and then discuss:

- What do you see on the cover?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- How does the cover illustration make you feel?

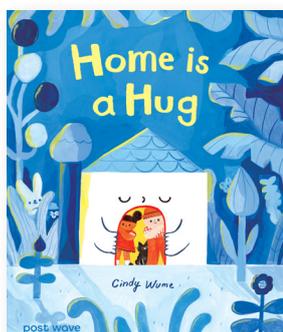


2. Read the book together and then discuss:

- Compare the end pages – what’s the difference between the front and the back?
- How do you think the cut-through pages and flaps add to the story?
- What do you think makes a home?
- What is your favourite room in your home?
- Can you think of any ways that home might be more than a physical place?
- Read Cindy’s note at the end and ask: what does home mean to you?

3. Use the following activities to explore the topic of home further:

- Who lives in my home?
- Draw your dream home.
- A home for everyone!



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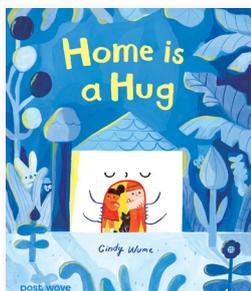
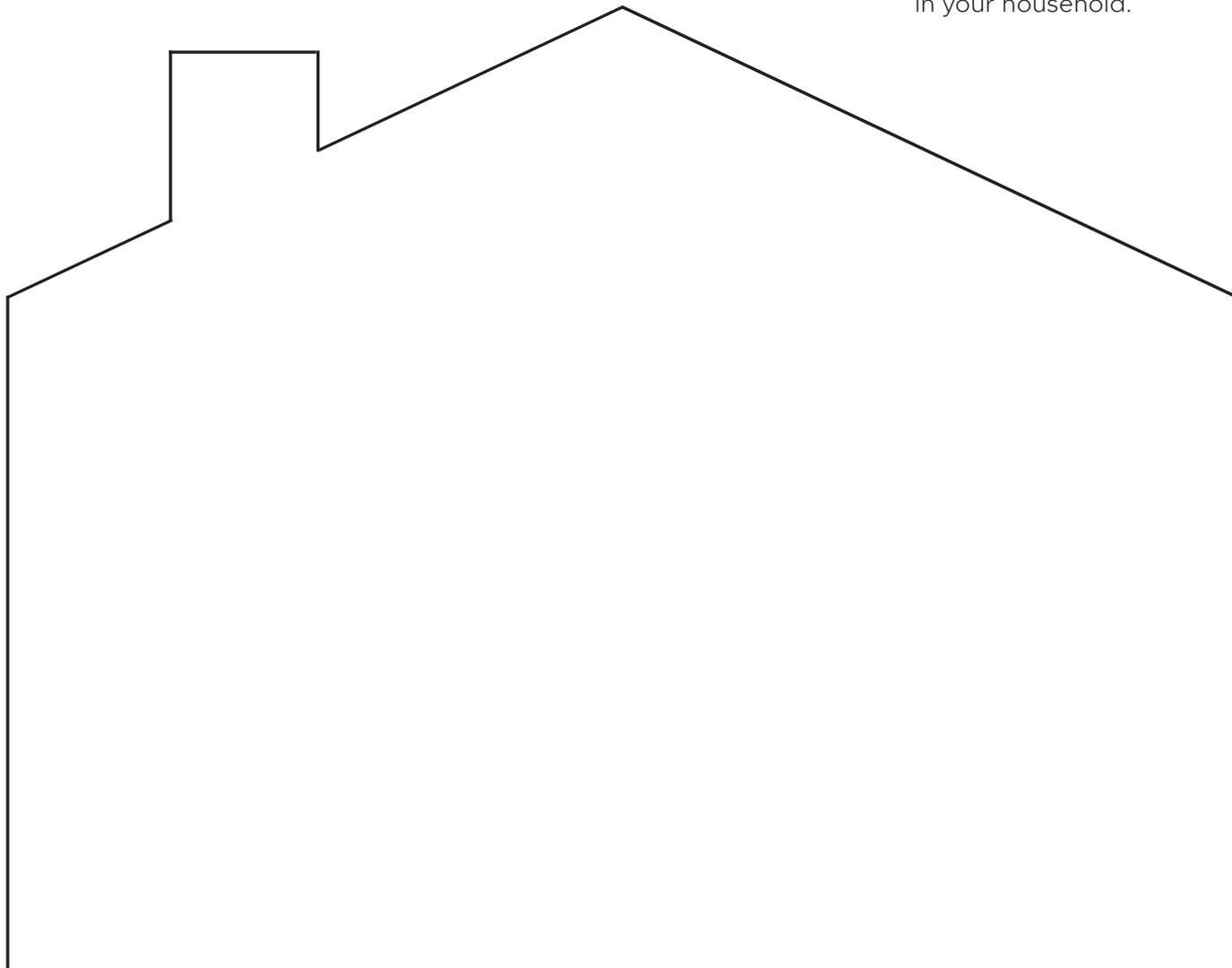


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Who lives in my home?

Every home is different.
Draw the people and pets,
if you have any, that live
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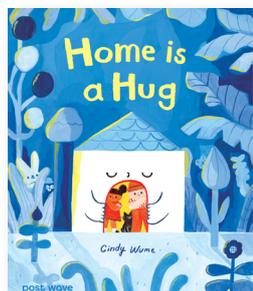
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Draw your dream home

Do you dream of living in a castle or at the top of a tall tree? Draw your dream home and remember to label it too.



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Can you match the home to the description?
Use the word bank to complete the sentences.

Wordbank:

flat

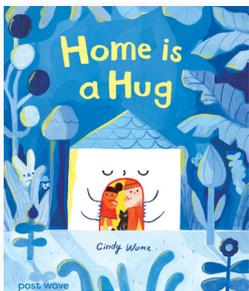
caravan

bricks

burrows

shell

1. Lots of different animals sleep underground in _____.
2. A snail's _____ is a special home they carry around with them.
3. A home on wheels is called a _____.
4. Many homes are built from _____ or concrete.
5. A _____ is a home that is just one floor of a much larger building.



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