

ENGLISH

CHAPTER 1: A HOUSE, A HOME



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~Summary~

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The poem 'A House, A Home' is a two stanza poem written by Lorraine M. Halli. In this poem, the poet highlights the difference between a house and a home. They differ in several ways. A house consists of rooms, a kitchen, a balcony etc which are made up of bricks, stone, wood and glass. Some houses may have a yard, chimneys and tiled floors. Depending on the need, these may have a large number of doors. There are some cemented structures, but no signs of life. Thus, a house is a lifeless building unless it is occupied by people.

A home on the other hand is a place where a family lives with love and affection. A house becomes a home when parents along with brothers and sisters live together and care for each other. They understand each other well. The family members work for the welfare of the family selflessly. They are kind towards each other and help each other in all ups and downs.

~Conclusion~

home: a house or apartment where a person or a family lives. The main difference between them is that house is concrete. House refers to a building in which someone lives. In contrast, a home can refer either to a building or to any location that a person thinks of as the place where she lives and that belongs to her.

NCERT SOLUTIONS

Questions (Page No. 16)
(Working With the Poem)

Question 1. Do you agree with what the poet says? Talk to your partner and complete these sentences.

- a. A house is made of _____.
- b. It has _____.
- c. A home is made by _____.
- d. It has _____.

Answer:

- a. A house is made of **brick, stone, cement, hard wood, window glass, and a yard.**
- b. It has **eaves, chimneys, tile floors, stucco, roof, and lots of doors.**
- c. A home is made by **family members.**
- d. It has **unselfish acts, sharing, and caring for the loved ones.**

Question 2. Now complete these sentences about your house and home.

- a. My house is _____.
- b. The best thing about my home is _____.

Answer:

- a. My house is **a place made of brick and stone. It is a solid structure.**
- b. The best thing about my home is **that we live with love and affection.**