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Focus Question

Why do most home builders follow the same basic steps when building a house?



Houses do not all look the same, but most home builders follow the same basic steps.



First, the builders make a strong base for the house. The base is called the *foundation*.



Next, the builders add the floors, walls, and roof.



Then, the builders cover the roof and outside walls to keep the rain out.

They leave the inside walls open so things can go inside them.



Next, the builders put in
the windows and doors.



Then, the builders put wires and pipes inside the walls.



Next, the builders fill the empty spaces inside the walls and under the roof. This helps keep the house warm in winter and cool in summer.



Then, the builders close up the walls and ceilings. Now the floors can be covered and the walls can be painted.



Next, the builders put in all the lights and light switches.



Finally, the builders put in the kitchen and the bathrooms. Now, the house is ready to become someone's home!

Words to Know

builders

steps

foundation

switches

pipes

wires

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Writing and Art

Design your own house. Draw it and write about the steps you would take to build the house.

Social Studies

Can a house be both a want and a need? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

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