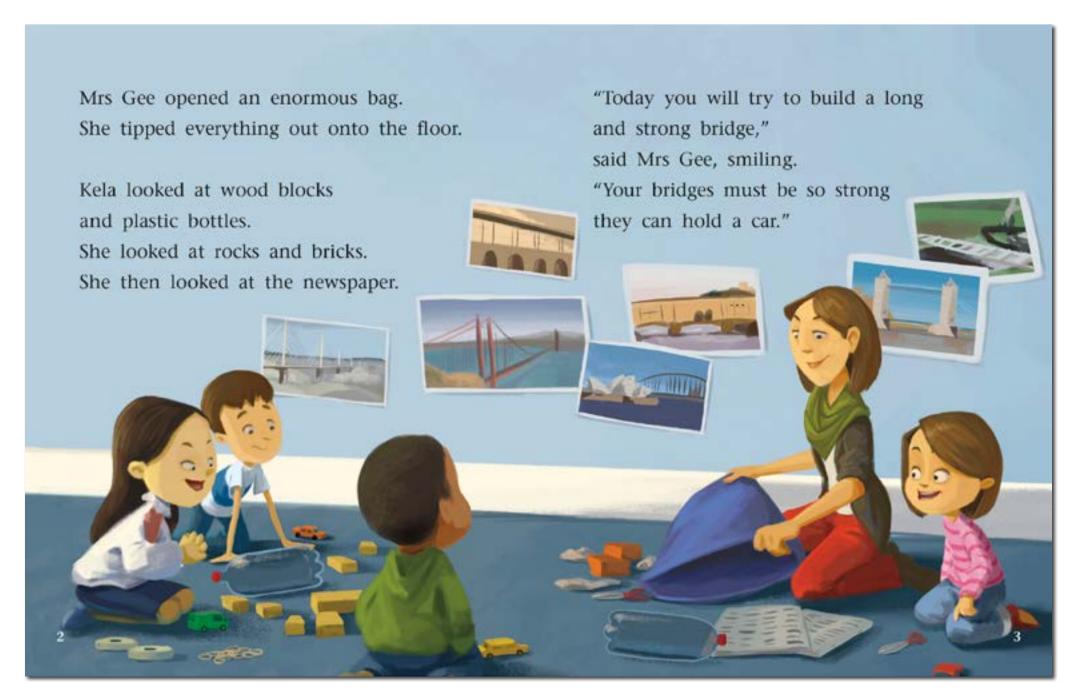


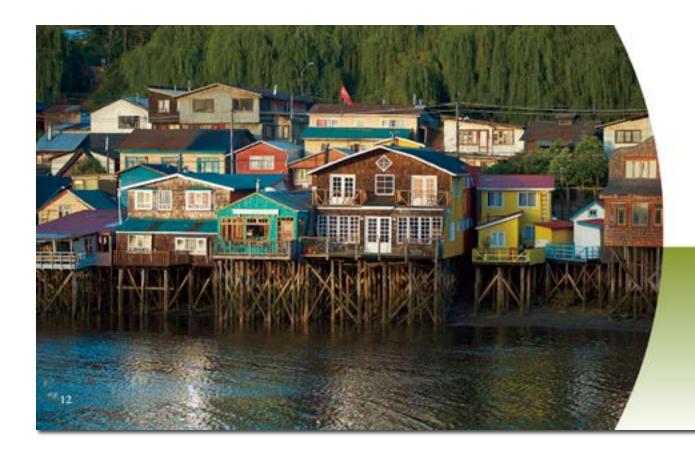




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Some people live in places near the water.

Their houses need to be built

off the ground to keep them safe and dry.

Sometimes after a lot of rain,
the water in a river can go up.

A house built on *stilts* helps to stop the water from coming inside.

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You will need to make it a big shape, so that it fits around your head. This is your mouse's face. It is also the part that goes around your head.

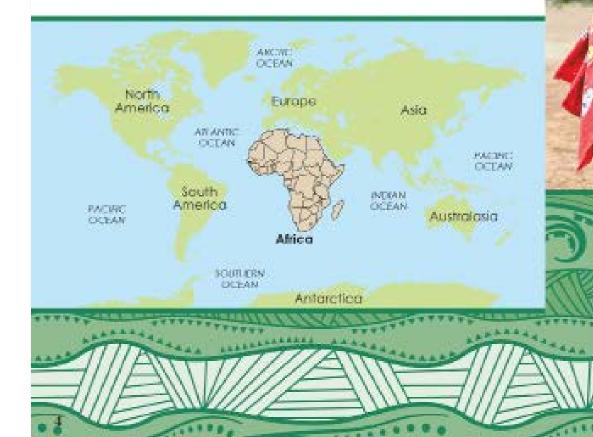


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Introduction

The world is made up of seven continents.

Africa is the second largest of them.



Africa has 54 countries.

Each country has its own special way of life.

This makes Africa one of the most amazing places in the world to live or visit.

The Venus flytrap

One well-known plant that eats meat is the Venus flytrap. It uses something called a "snap trap" to catch insects.

The snap trap is made of two leaves with very thin hairs between them.





WHY IS GOLD SPECIAL?

Gold is special for a lot of reasons. It is a beautiful yellow colour and is one of the world's shiniest metals. Pieces of gold must have looked amazing when they were first discovered.

Gold is a soft metal, so it can be easily made into different shapes. People long ago were able to work with gold using very simple tools. This may be another reason why gold jewellery was popular thousands of years ago.



Gold can be made so thin that you can see through it. A very thin layer of gold lets some light through but reflects, or throws back, red and yellow light. Therefore, a thin layer of gold can be used to reflect the sun's harmful rays because they bounce back again. This has made gold very useful for protecting astronauts and their supplies from the sun.

Windows on very tall buildings often have a thin layer of gold on them, too. This helps to keep the buildings cool.

