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Fluency Practice: Anthology Stories
 First Grade Unit 10- Homes

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Watch the Stars Come Out

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By: Riki Levinson

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Grandma told me when her Mama was a little girl she had red 19

hair- just like me. 25

Grandma's Mama loved to go to bed early and watch the 36

stars come out- just like me. 42

Every Friday night, after the dishes were put away, 51

Grandma's mama would come to her room and tell her a 62

special story. 64

When I was a little girl, my big brother and I went on a 78

big boat to America. Mama and Papa and Sister were waiting 89

there for us. 92

My aunt, Mama's sister, took us to the boat. She didn't 103

bring my two little brothers. They were too small. They 113

would come on a boat when they were older. 122

Aunt gave us a barrel full of dried fruit. She asked an 134

old lady to watch over us. And she did. She also ate our 147

dried fruit. 149

Homes Around the World

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By: Deborah Eaton

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Here you will read about many homes and many faces in	18
many different far-off places.	23
Cliff houses are cool when the sun is hot.	32
A reed hut is made of dried plants.	40
You need a ladder to get to some pueblo houses.	50
Flowers make some home pretty.	55
Some houses are on stilts.	60
Some houses have tin roofs.	65
Trailers are homes on wheels.	70
Some homes float.	73
Some houses fold right up.	78
People can even turn palm leaves into a home.	87
A porch is a nice place to sit.	95
A fireplace warms a home.	100
Doors are for friends coming in.	106
Windows let light in and let people smile out.	115
Big and tall... round and small...	121

Building a House 3

By: Byron Barton 6

On a green hill a bulldozer digs a big hole.	16
Builders hammer and saw.	20
A cement mixer pours cement.	25
Bricklayers lay large white blocks.	30
Carpenters come and make a wooden floor.	40
They put up walls. They build a roof.	45
A bricklayer builds a fireplace and a chimney too.	54
A plumber puts in pipes for water.	61
An electrician wires for electric lights.	67
Carpenters put in windows and doors.	73
Painters paint inside and out.	78
The workers leave.	81
The house is built.	85
The family moves inside.	89

<u>A House is a House For Me</u>	7
By: Mary Ann Hoberman	11
A hill is a house for an ant, an ant.	21
A hive is a house for a bee.	29
A hole is a house for a mole or a mouse.	40
And a house is a house for me!	48
A web is a house for a spider.	56
A bird builds its nest in a tree.	64
There is nothing so snug as a bug in a rug.	75
And a house is a house for me!	83
A coop? That's a house for a chicken.	91
A sty? That's a house for a sow.	99
A fold? That's where sheep all gather to sleep.	108
A barn? That's a house for a cow.	116
It is also, of course, a house for a horse.	126

Animal Homes

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By: Illa Podendorf

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Many animals make their homes on top of the ground. 15

Cottontail rabbits make nests in fields in the spring. 24

A cottontail's nest is warm. It is made from soft grass 35

and lined with fur. The mother lines the nest with fur 46

from her own body. 50

In winter, cottontails do not live in nests. Then they live 61

under a barn or under some corn stalks. 69

Sometimes white-footed mice make their nests among 77

plants on top of the ground. 83

A fox does not do much building to make its home. It 95

finds a hollow log or a hole among the rocks and makes its den 109

there. 110

Some animal homes are above the ground. 117

Sometimes squirrels make nests of twigs and leaves and 126

grass in branches of trees. 131

Other times squirrels make homes in holes in trees. 140

These homes are usually their winter homes. 147

<u>Home for a Bunny</u>	4
By: Margaret Wise Brown	8
“Spring, Spring, Spring!” sang the frog.	14
“Spring!” said the groundhog.	18
“Spring, Spring, Spring!” sang the robin.	24
It was Spring.	27
The leaves burst out.	31
The flowers burst out.	35
And robins burst out of their eggs.	42
It was Spring.	45
In the Spring a bunny came down the road.	54
He was going to find a home of his own.	64
A home for a bunny.	69
A home of his own.	74
Under a rock,	77
Under a stone,	80
Under a log,	83
Or under the ground.	87
Where would a bunny find a home?	94

Is This a House for Hermit Crab?

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By: Megan McDonald

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Hermit Crab was forever growing too big for the house 20
on his back. It was time to find a new house. He crawled up 34
out of the water looking for something to hide in, where he 46
would be safe from the pricklepine fish. 53

He stepped along the shore, by the sea, in the sand... 64
scritch-scratch, scritch-scratch... until he came to a rock. 74

Is this a house for a Hermit Crab? 82

Turning himself around, Hermit Crab backed his hind 90
legs beneath the rock. The rock would not budge. It was 101
too heavy. 103

So he stepped along the shore, by the sea, in the 114
sand... scritch-scratch, scritch-scratch... until he came 122
to a rusty old tin can. 128

Is this a house for a Hermit Crab? 136

When he tried to walk with the can on his back, it 148
bumped and clunked. It was too noisy. 155

The Three Little Pigs 4

By: Margot Zemach 7

Long ago, three little pigs lived happily with their
momma pig. But the day came when their momma told
them it was time for them to go out into the world. 16
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"Build good, strong houses," she said, "and always
watch out for the wolf. Now goodbye, my sons, goodbye." 46
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As the first little pig was going along, he met a man
who was gathering straw. He asked for some straws. 68
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So the man gave him some straw and the first little
pig built himself a house. 88
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One day the wolf came knocking at his door. 102
"Little pig, little pig," he called. "Let me come in!" 112
But the first little pig said: "No, no, I won't let you in-
not my the hair of my chinny-chin-chin. 125
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Make a Home

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By: Nancy Pemberton

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You can make a home for worms. You will need:	16
-a big glass jar with a wide mouth	24
-loose soil	26
-pebbles mixed with soil	30
-earthworms	31
-lettuce and cornmeal for the worms to eat	39
-black paper and tape	43
1. Fill the bottom of the jar with pebbles mixed with soil. Add loose soil to fill most of the jar. Keep the soil moist.	54 68
2. Put small pieces of lettuce and some cornmeal on top of the soil.	79 82
3. Dig up some earthworms and put them in the jar.	93
4. Tape black paper to sides of the jar for one week. That will make the worms tunnel near the glass.	105 114
5. Take off the black paper. Watch how the worms move and eat.	124 127
6. Return them to their outdoor home.	134

