



## Lesson 2. What do houses look like in Rwanda?

**Task 1.** Draw what you imagine a house look like. Label what you think the walls and roof might be made of? Think about natural materials builders may use.

I think a Rwandan house will look like this.

Look at the picture below; which house do you think would be found in Rwanda?



Would it surprise you to know that both of these houses are from Rwanda? The first one is from a village in the South West of the country and the other one from the capital city Kigali.

There are many different types of houses in Rwanda. Some are built of brick but these are really expensive to buy.



Many of the houses in Rwanda are made from mud bricks. The mud bricks need to be left out in the sun to dry to make them strong. This is a much cheaper and more environmentally friendly way of building. It is hard work to build these houses

but they are naturally insulated which makes them warm in the winter and cool in the summer.



**Task 2.** Choose one of the houses below. Take a close look at the land it is built on and the things that you can see surrounding it. How do these houses compare to your house?

Now look at your house closely. You might want to take a photo of your house to help you!



Complete the comparison table

**Helpful questions-** Does it have a garden? What is it built of? Does it have other houses attached?

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	Rwandan House	My House
What it is made of?		
What is near by		