

## Teacher's Guide

# Do Turtles Sleep in Treetops? A Book About Animal Homes

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### Pre-Reading Questions

For people, what makes a home?  
What does your home do for you?  
What are the common parts of a house or apartment?  
Do animals need homes, too? Why or why not?

### Questions

Imagine you could create your home from scratch? What would it be made of?  
What special rooms would it have?  
Do you think animals ever clean their homes?  
What would happen if you never cleaned your room?  
If you had to live in a home that was not a traditional house, apartment, or trailer, what would you live in? A boat? A treehouse? A grocery store?  
Have you ever noticed that most houses are white, tan, grey, blue, or green?  
Why is that? Why don't people paint their homes in stripes or polka dots or bright purple?  
Talk about how homes reflect the people that live in them. Ask kids to volunteer ways their homes are different from their friends' homes.

### Projects

**Language Arts:** Choose one of the animal homes from this book. Write about what it would be like to live in it. What would be fun? What might be gross or scary?

**Art:** Draw a picture of a home you would like to live in. Color it your favorite color, even if it's not a "house" color!

**Math:** Make a chart showing how many bedrooms are in your students' homes. How many people have 1 bedroom in their home? 2? 3? 4?

**Motor Skills/Art:** Build a model of a home. Use blocks, paper, popsicle sticks, boxes, and your imagination. The whole class could collaborate on one giant house, or each student can make a model.