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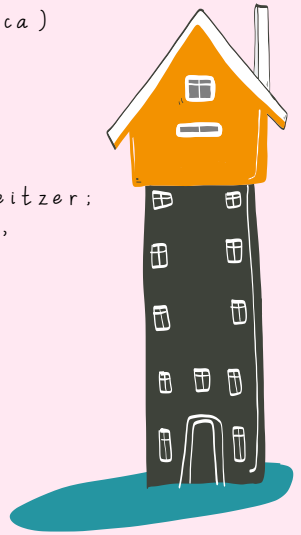

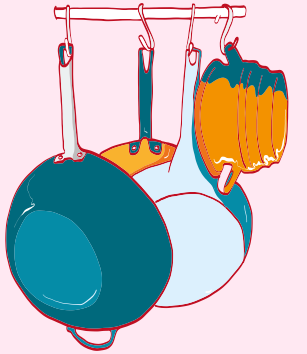

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an ACTIVITY JOURNAL
for YOUNG EXPLORERS

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ALL ABOUT THIS BOOK

You can use this book whenever you are at home!
It will help you:

>> EXPLORE your surroundings.
>> CREATE and DISCOVER new things.
>> REMEMBER all the fun you've had!

The book is divided into five colour-coded ADVENTURES. You can start a new CHAPTER whenever you like - there are no rules! You might complete one in a day, or take longer. Throughout the book you will find FACTS about homes and the things we put in them. There's also a GLOSSARY at the back, to look up words you don't know.

When you're exploring your home, there are a few things to keep in mind:

>> Stay safe! Don't touch taps, electrics or plug sockets.
>> Don't explore spaces that you're not supposed to enter.
>> Ask permission from an adult before going to look at the outside of your home.
>> Tidy up! Always put things back where you found them.

draw your face here

Your NAME

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Your ADDRESS

- -

The DATE you started this book

- -

Your favourite ROOM in your home (and why!)

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A famous home you'd MOST LIKE TO VISIT

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's important to SAVE water and electricity.
This is good for the planet - and reduces bills, too.

You can save WATER by:

>> taking shorter showers or shallower baths

>> turning off the tap while you're brushing your teeth

You can save ELECTRICITY by:

>> turning off the lights when you leave a room

>> making sure your washing machine and dishwasher are fully loaded when you use them

A few modern homes save energy by being built in the ground. **Malator** (pictured on the right), a one-roomed home designed in 1998 by architects **Future Systems** was built directly into a hillside in Wales. Can you imagine living there?

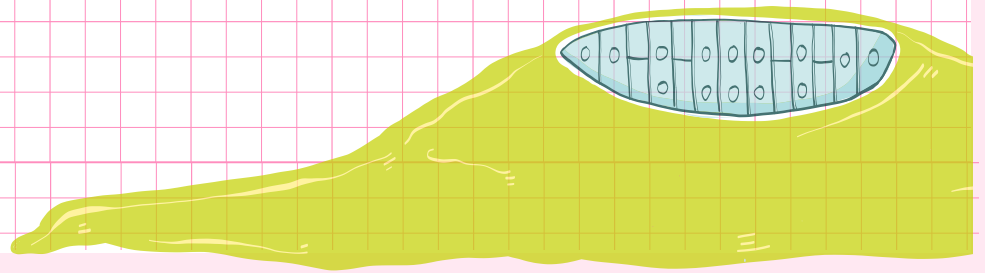
All about FUTURE HOMES

Today architects and engineers work to make the new homes they build as ECO-FRIENDLY as possible. These ECO-HOMES are kind to our planet - built to save as much energy as possible.

>> SOLAR PANELS attached to the roof generate all the electricity the eco-home needs.

>> The eco-home is well INSULATED to save energy; heat can't escape through its TRIPLE-GLAZED windows.

>> Eco-homes are built from SUSTAINABLE or even RECYCLED materials so they do not damage the environment. This means that if they are made of wood, it has to be from forests that are re-planted when trees are cut down.



INSIDE OUTSIDE

Does your home have any STAIRS? Why not count them! You can include single steps and front door steps.

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In your home, how long does it take you to get from place to place? Don't race! Walk at your normal speed.

>> From your FRONT DOOR, how many SECONDS does it take you to get to your BEDROOM?

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>> From your BEDROOM, how many SECONDS does it take you to get to a BATHROOM?

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>> From your BATHROOM, how many SECONDS does it take you to get to the KITCHEN?

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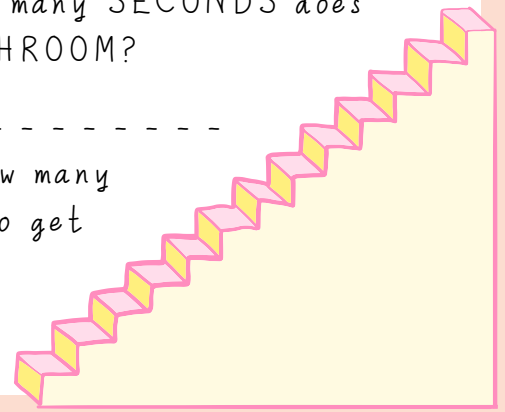
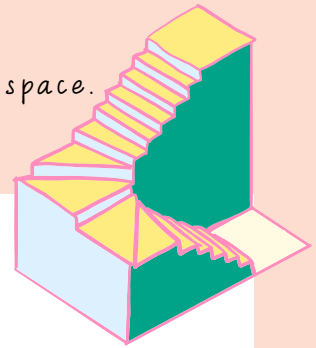
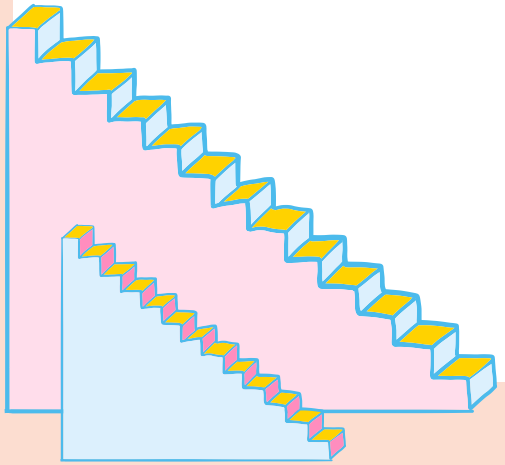
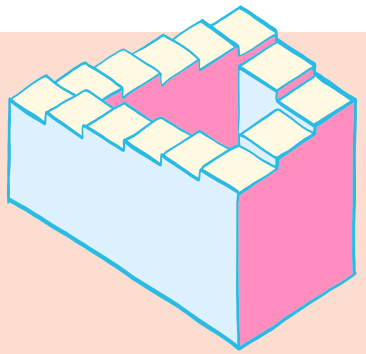


STAIRS are fun to draw! Practise in this space. There are some examples to inspire you.





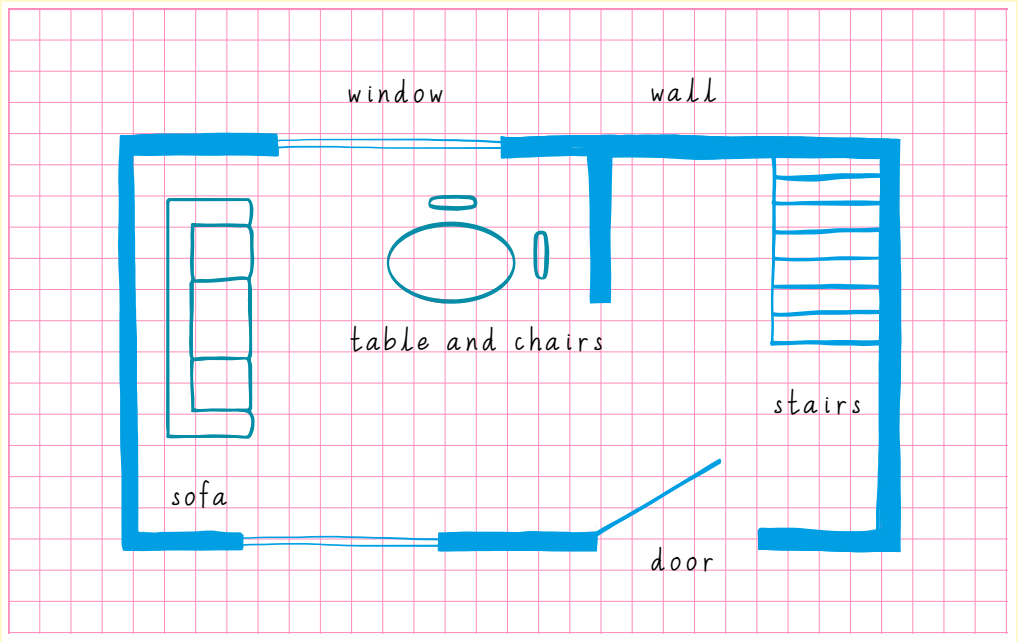


Dutch artist **M.C. Escher** (1898-1972) drew hundreds of staircases during his life. Many of them were picture puzzles – optical illusions known as 'impossible staircases'. They didn't lead anywhere, but appeared to go round and round in a neverending loop.

MAP IT OUT

When ARCHITECTS draw PLANS, they imagine they are looking down on the space from above - like a bird.

Here are some of the symbols they use to describe the parts of the room or building they are designing

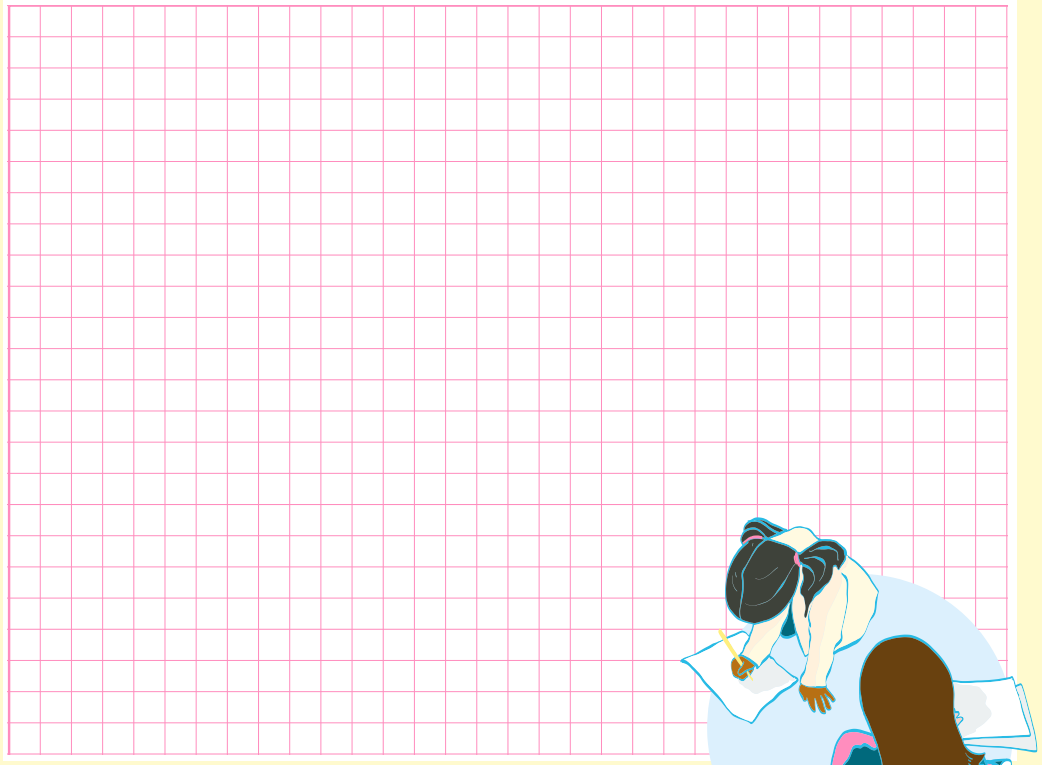


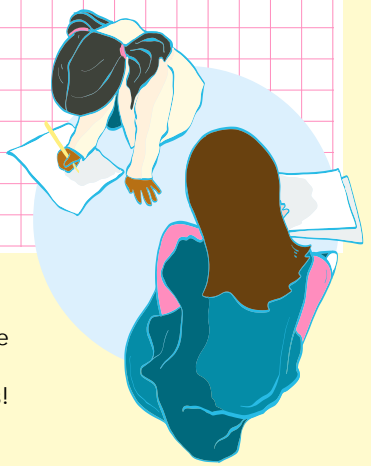
Let's make a PLAN of the ROOM you're in! Remember to include the position of DOORS, WINDOWS and any large pieces of FURNITURE. You can LABEL your drawing, too.

>> CIRCLE the type of room you've mapped out today:

living room kitchen bedroom bathroom

other room: _





Architects make sure their final drawings are **'to scale'**. This means that all the things they have drawn are the right size in relation to each other. You don't have to follow that rule on these pages!