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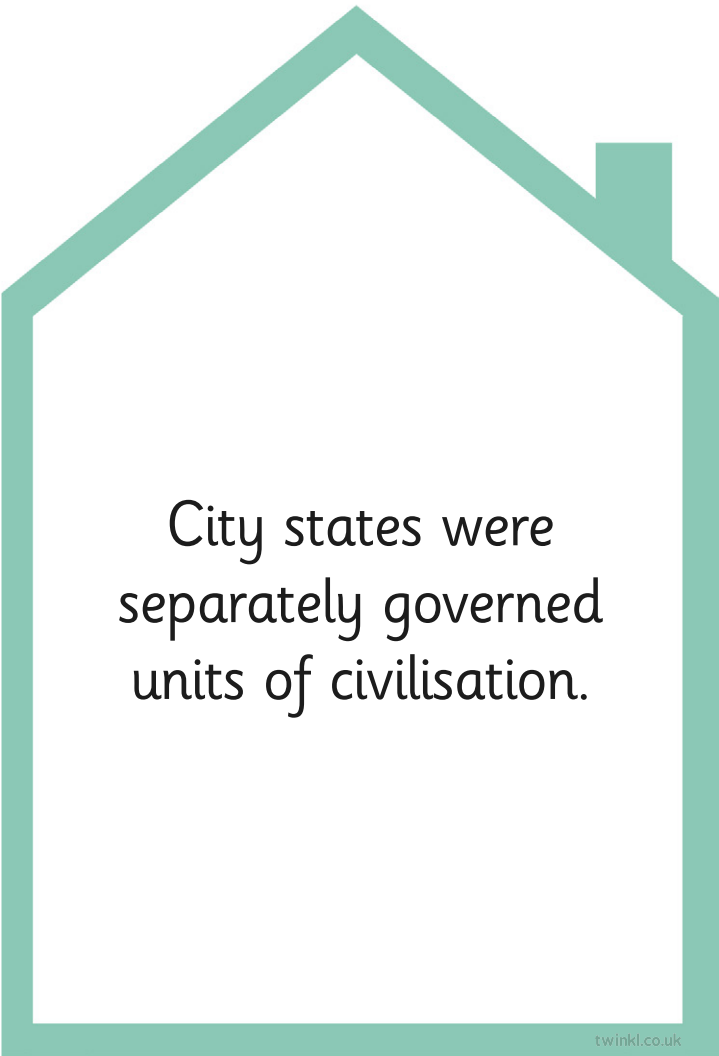
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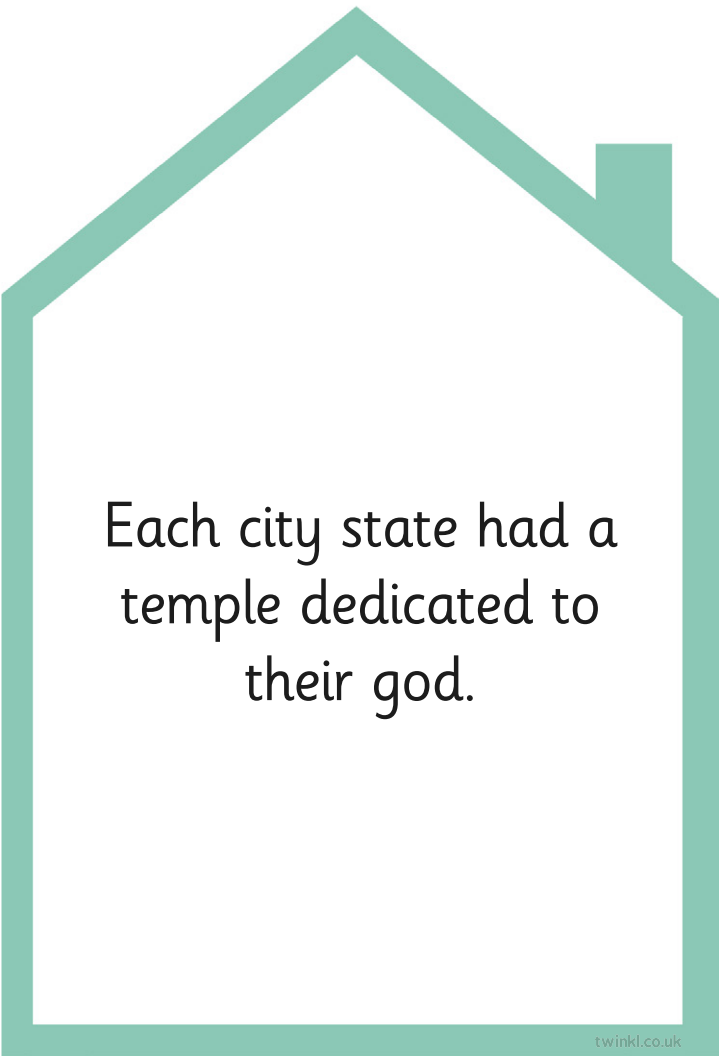
City states were separately governed units of civilisation.

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City states were surrounded by huge walls for protection.

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Each city state had a temple dedicated to their god.

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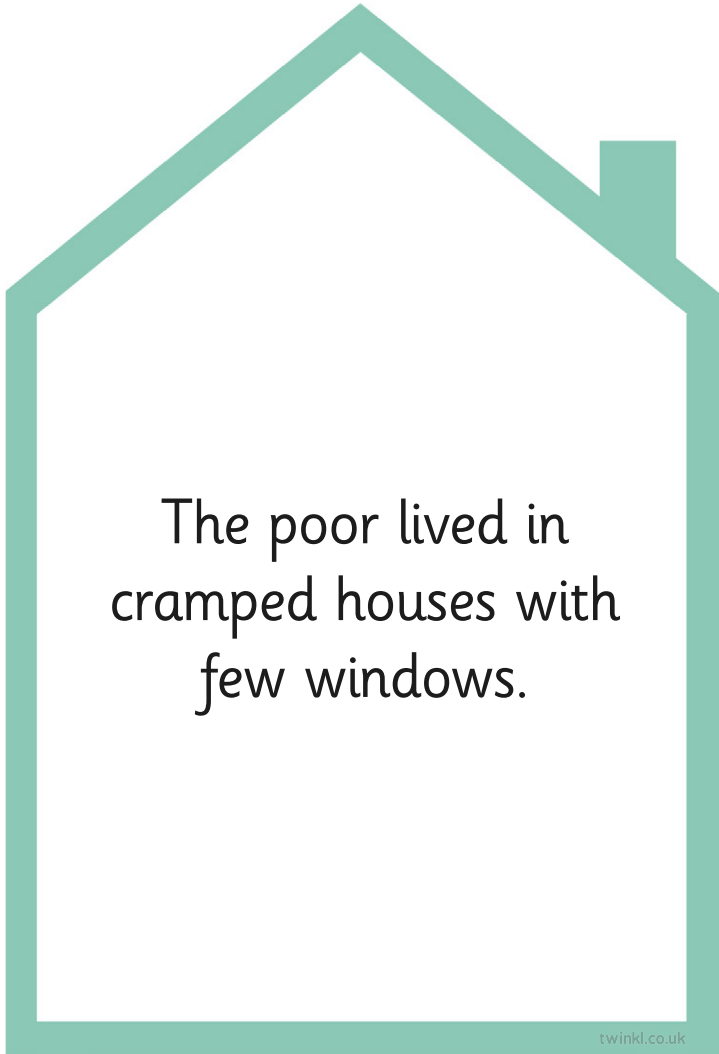
City states often warred with one another.

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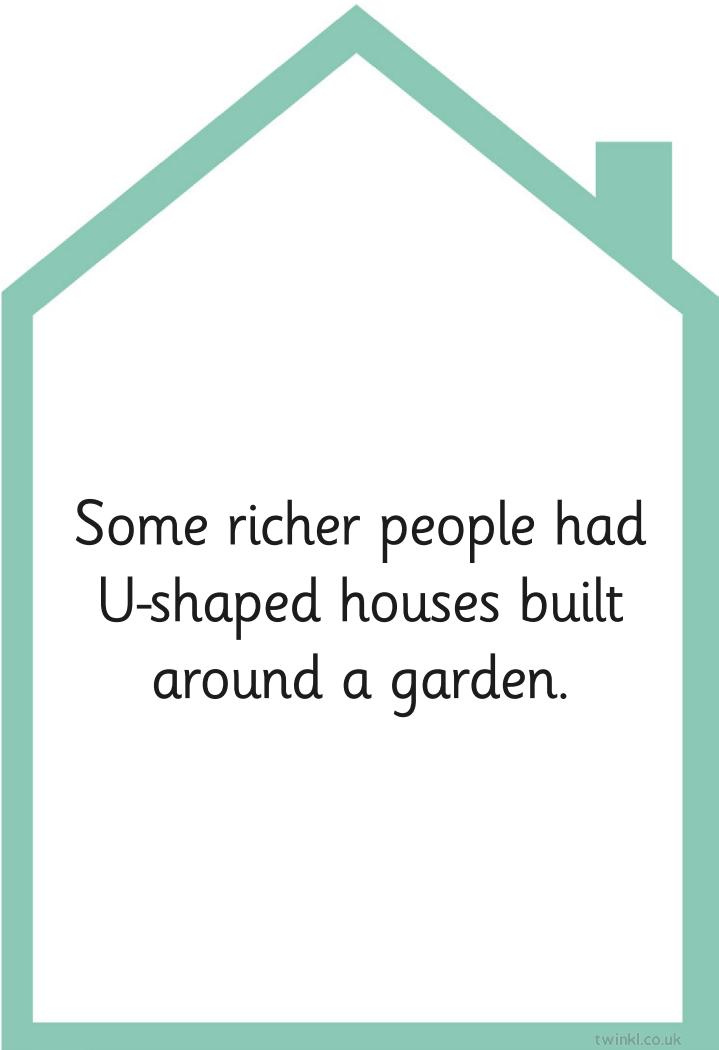
The very rich lived in
huge palaces.

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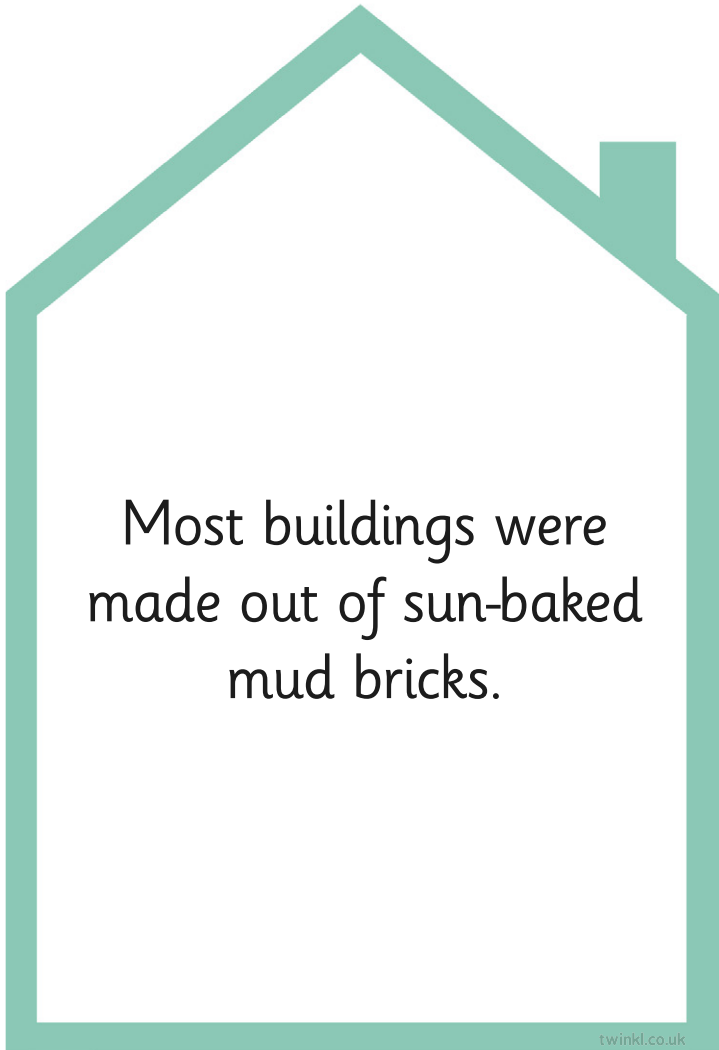
The poor lived in
cramped houses with
few windows.

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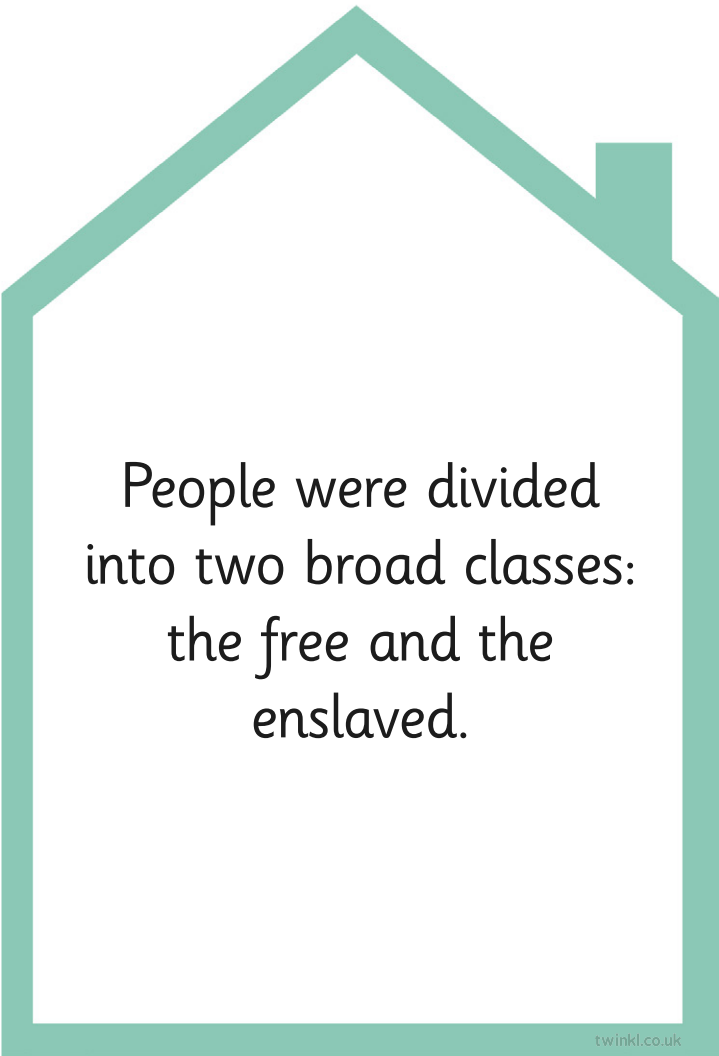
Some richer people had
U-shaped houses built
around a garden.

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Most buildings were
made out of sun-baked
mud bricks.

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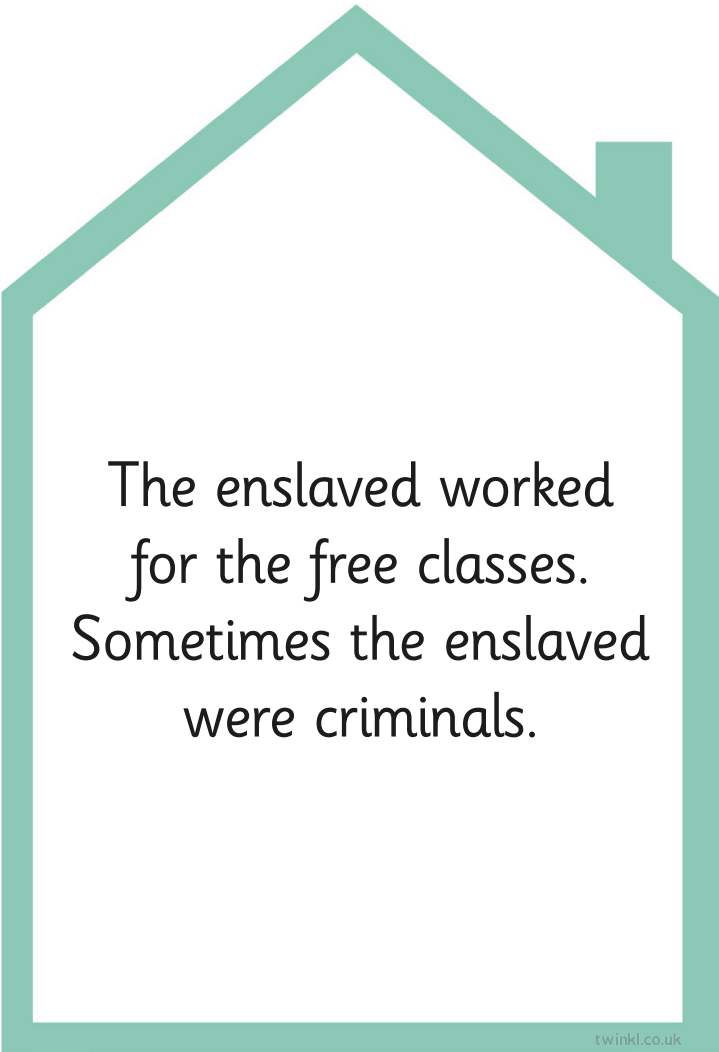
People were divided into two broad classes: the free and the enslaved.

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The free class consisted of kings, priests and rulers, but also merchants, writers and fishers.

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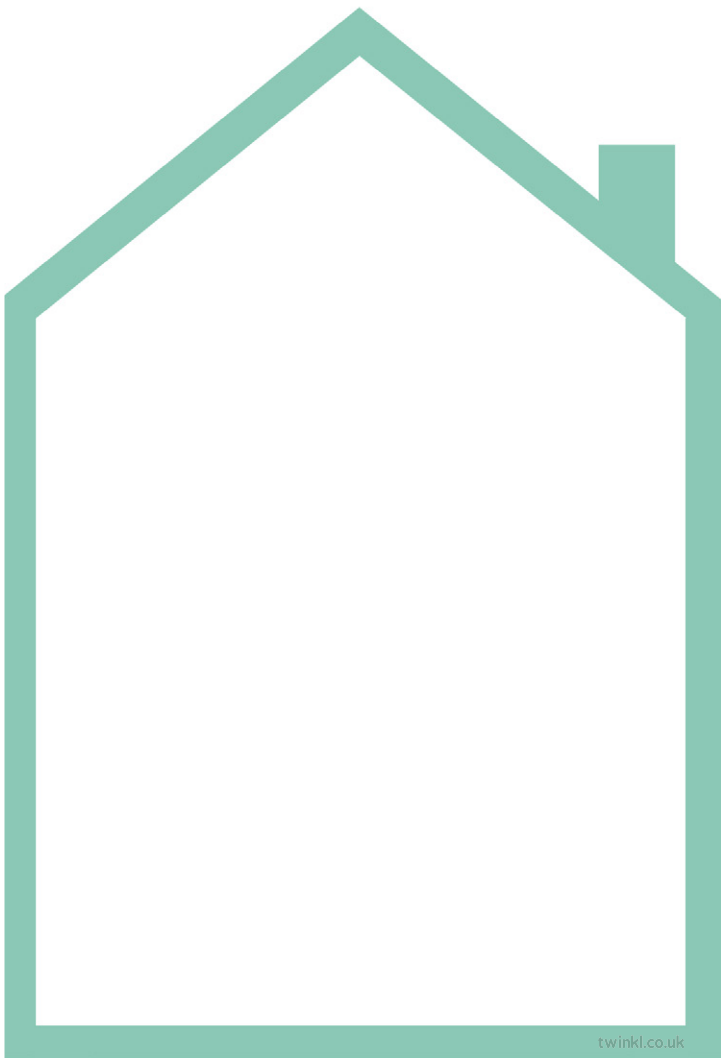
The enslaved worked for the free classes. Sometimes the enslaved were criminals.

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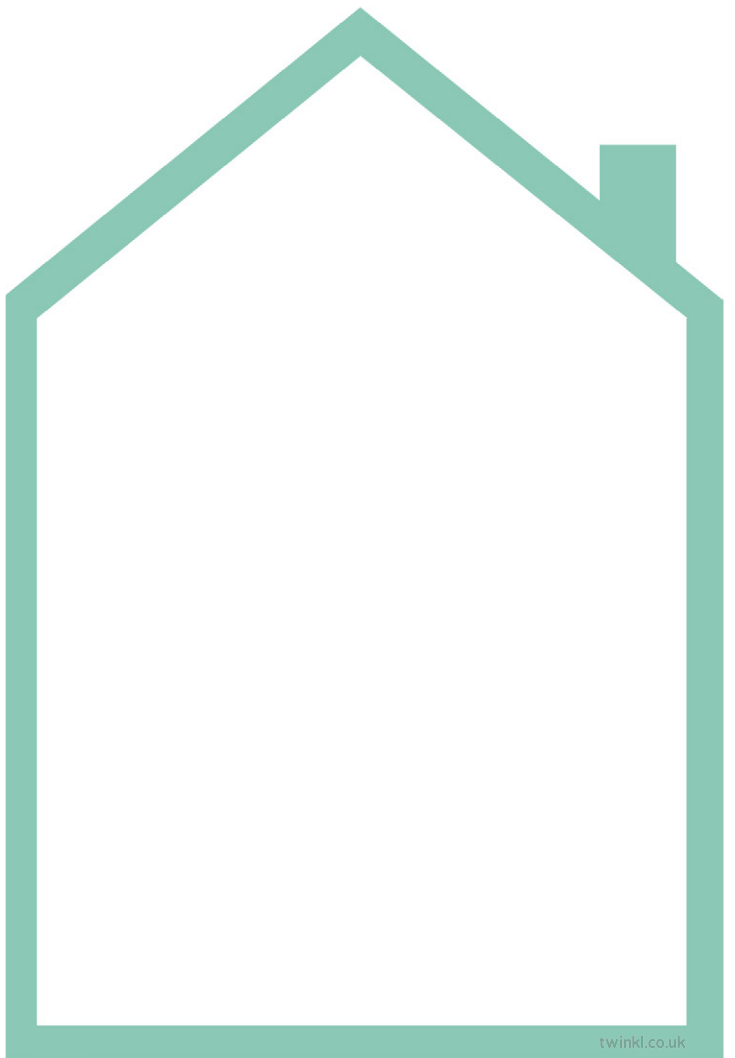


Uruk was a huge city with well over 50,000 inhabitants.

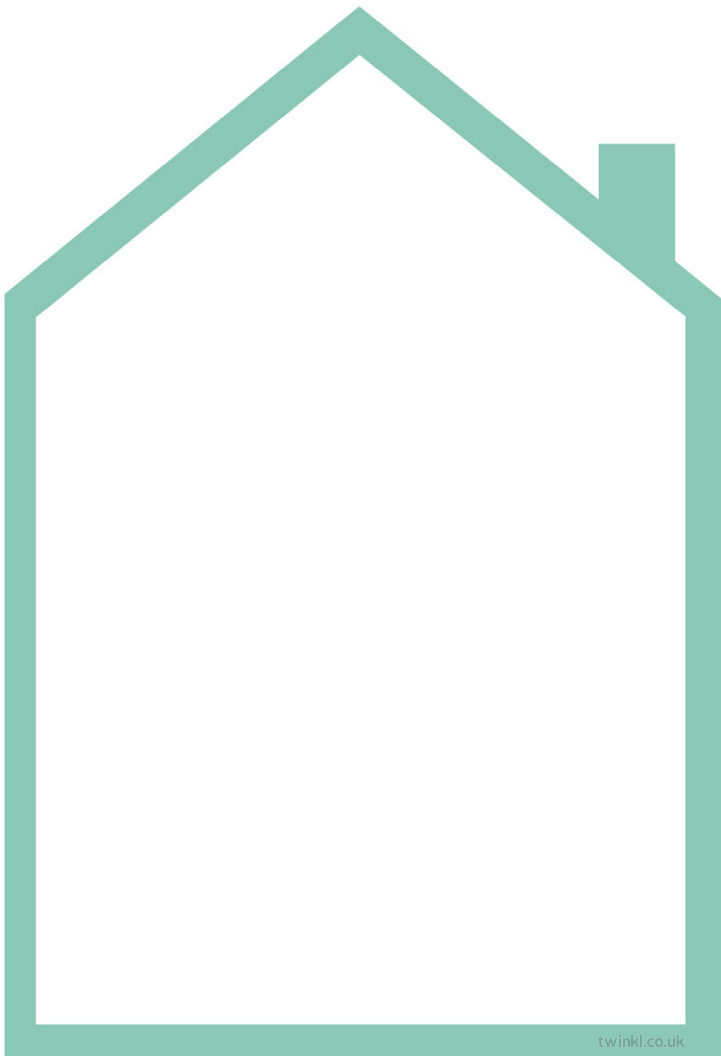
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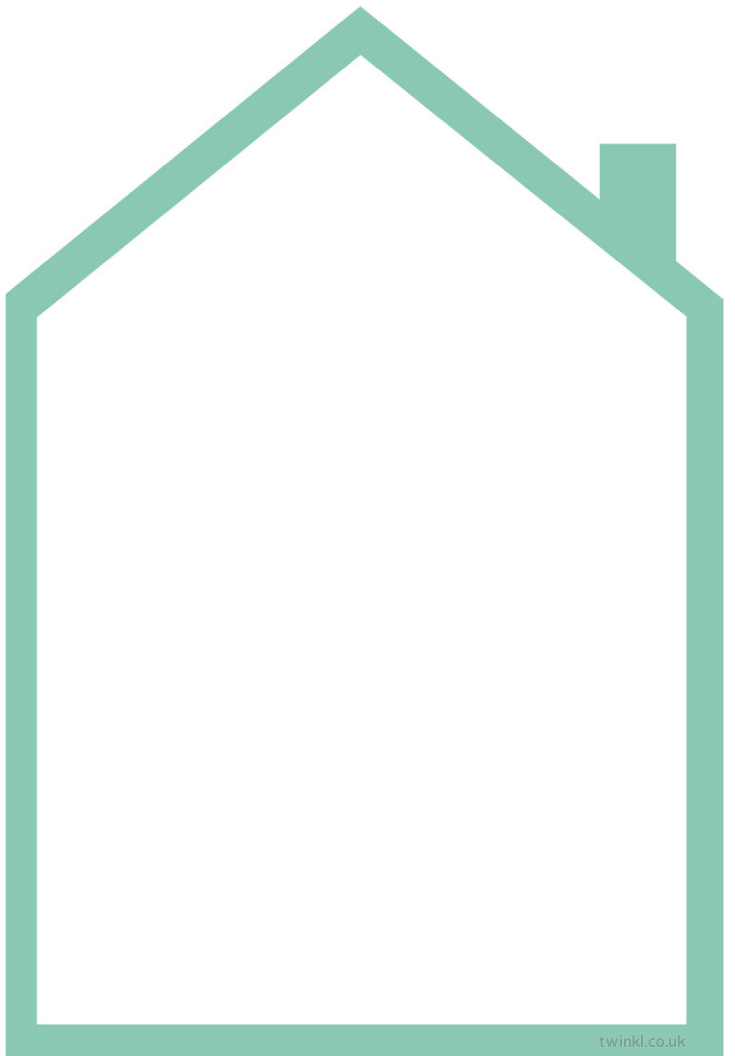
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