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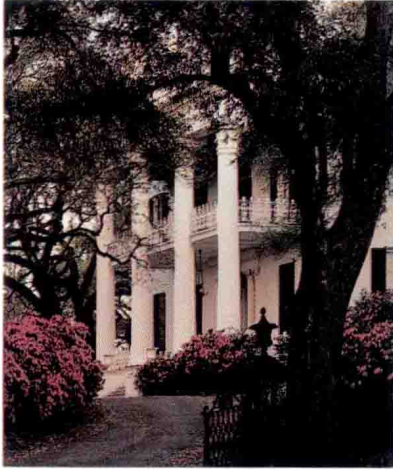
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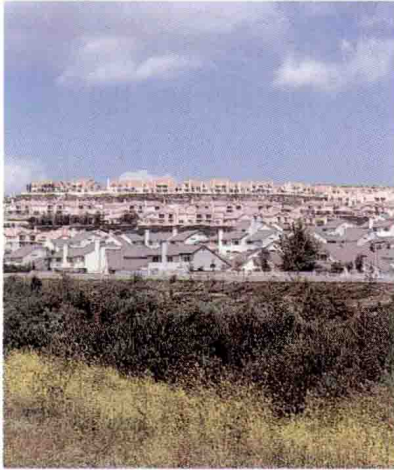
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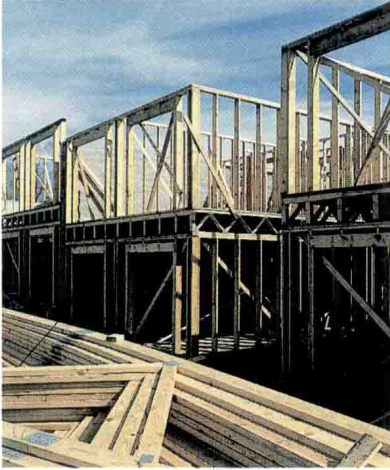
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UNIT 1

HOMES AND PEOPLE





HUMAN NEEDS AND HOUSING

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ACCENT ON LEARNING

To help you to . . .

- ▶ **Define housing and identify types of housing.**
- ▶ **Identify five basic physical needs that housing satisfies.**
- ▶ **Identify four basic psychological needs that housing satisfies.**
- ▶ **Describe how the cycle of life affects people's housing needs.**
- ▶ **Outline the evolution of housing from the beginning of civilization through the nineteenth century.**

HOUSEHOLD WORDS

archaeologist
housing
life cycle
lifestyle
physical needs
psychological
needs
shelter
site



The women of the Wichita tribe built this council house, which was four stories high. A framework of poles was covered with branches and grass to make the dwelling weatherproof.



Housing provides a very important function for people—protection from the weather. Do you think this is true in all parts of the world?

Take a walk through the business area in most communities and you will see many different buildings: an office complex, a gas station, a supermarket, a bank, a hardware store. Perhaps schools and a hospital are nearby. Each building has a purpose. For instance, schools educate children, supermarkets supply food, and banks safeguard money.

None of these places, however, would provide you with a comfortable place to live. For this, you turn to a special type of structure, such as a single-family house or an apartment building. A structure built for people to live in is referred to as **housing**.

THE NEED FOR HOUSING

When snowdrifts blocked a rural highway in the Midwest, more than a dozen motorists were stranded in subzero temperatures and blowing snow. When Loretta and Earl Pinney found out what had happened, they brought the motorists to their nearby farmhouse and let them stay overnight. After the snowplow had cleared the road the next morning, the travelers were on their way, none the worse for their experience. Without the refuge of the farmhouse, however, the snowbound group might have suffered severe frostbite and even death.

As this incident suggests, the primary purpose of housing is to protect people from extreme heat and cold, rain, snow, and strong winds. People exposed to freezing temperatures or desert sun cannot survive for very long. The word **shelter**, which can mean a place that offers protection, is often used as a synonym for housing.

Although protection from the weather is the most important reason for housing, it is not the only one. In fact, in some