

S 5.3 FROM CAVES TO SKYSCRAPES



S5.3.4

Let us explore different types of material we use to build our houses nowadays.

A. Read, then answer the questions with the help of the pictures.

1. In the picture we can see a:

- a) carpenter
- b) stone mason
- c) driver



2. The man in the photo is seen to be working on

- a) furniture.
- b) lace.
- c) an arch.

3. The stone seen in the picture is stone

- a) taż-żonqor.
- b) limestone.
- c) gravel.

4. Another word for limestone is

- a) globigerina.
- b) arch.
- c) ħnejja.

Sometimes instead of rock another type of stone is used such as the one in the picture.

5. This is known as:

- a) żonqor
- b) cement
- c) bricks



6. The object shown in question 5 is made from a mixture of
a) sand and cement. b) glass and wood. c) aluminium.

7. In the past, one used to strengthen the roofs of the houses and farmhouses by using beams made of (wood, clay, glass) and on it put slabs called xorok, made of (wood, glass, stone).



8. Nowadays the roofs of our houses are made of concrete. In it there is a mixture of:
a) sand, gravel, cement and iron b) sand and wood
c) sand and glass

9. Which do you think can withstand the most weight, the roof made of slabs or the roof made of concrete? Why?

10. The balconies and windows shown in the picture on the right are made of:
a) stone
b) wood
c) żonqor



11. Mention one disadvantage that these balconies and windows may have.

12. What material do we use on the windows and balconies of our houses so that light still passes through? Mention one danger that this material may have.

13. From what material is this window made up of?

14. Mention one advantage of this material.

15. This material is very useful for

- a) Preventing the rays of the sun.
- b) Preventing a lot of light from coming through.
- c) Preventing the wind, cold and dust from coming into our houses.

16. Mention three things from the ones mentioned which are used in the school you attend:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____