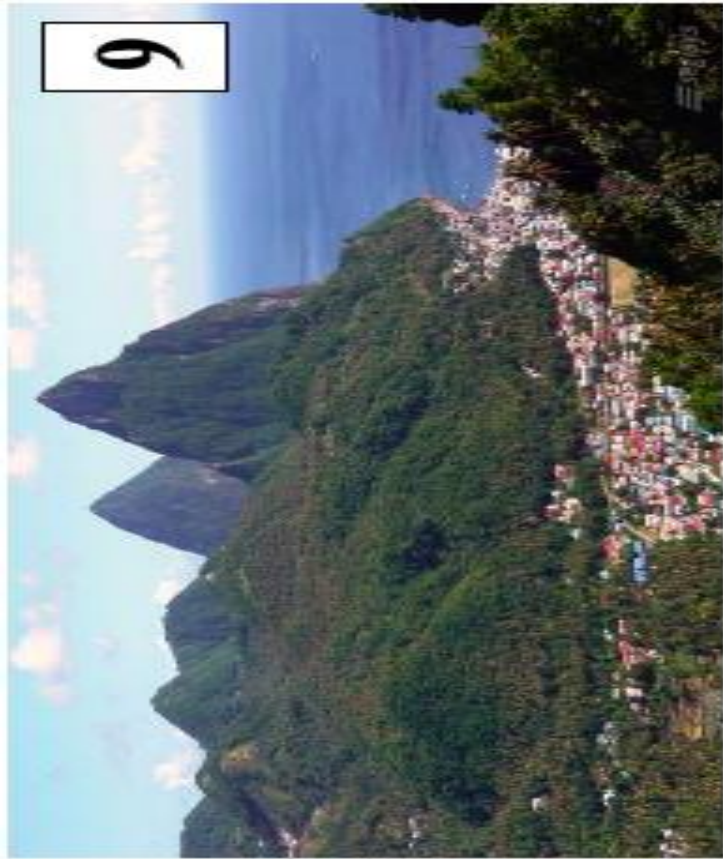


WALT: Compare the houses and homes of the UK with the houses and homes of St Lucia

Can you sort these houses into houses From the Caribbean and houses from The UK?



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St Lucia is a very hilly island, so it is difficult for many people to find flat land for their houses.

However, it is not impossible to build a house on steep land. Many houses in St Lucia can be seen perched on the side of steep valleys. In these cases house are built on stilts.



The wooden posts raise the building above the uneven ground to create a flat surface. These stilts also mean that the homeowner has plenty of storage space beneath their house, and floods prove to be almost no worry at all. These advantages are why many people living on flat land also choose to build a house on stilts.



The tropical climate means that rain sometimes comes as a heavy downpour. As a result, the majority of homes have pitched roofs for the rain to run off easily. It is likely that the homes you see in rural and poor areas will be made of corrugated iron, breeze blocks and salvaged materials.



Homes in larger towns are more likely to have TVs, running water and all the entertainment you find in a home in a developed country. Some of these houses may also be colonial buildings. It is also typical for town houses to have gardens with lawns and flowers, while rural communities tend to share plots for growing vegetables.



Can you fill in, or write on a piece paper, the differences between the homes.

Homes		Beach	
Caribbean	UK	Caribbean	UK
			

Same	Different	Same	Different
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- Why might the building materials be different?

- Do you notice anything different about the land around the houses? What could this tell you about the weather there?



Spend some time exploring the streets and houses of St Lucia on google earth

<https://earth.google.com/web/@14.01228013,-60.98266275,48.78199166a,866.40332503d,35y,83.29142908h,44.77918961t,->

Or

Write down anything that you think is similar, and anything you notice that is different...along with the reasons why you think that might be!

Possible factors:

Heavy rain (so different types of roofs needed)

Temperature outside (do they need warm/thick walled houses?)

Terrain (hilly or flat?)

Strong winds (Do the walls need to be sturdy?)

Economy (Can they afford sturdy homes?)