

# Buildings Then and Now



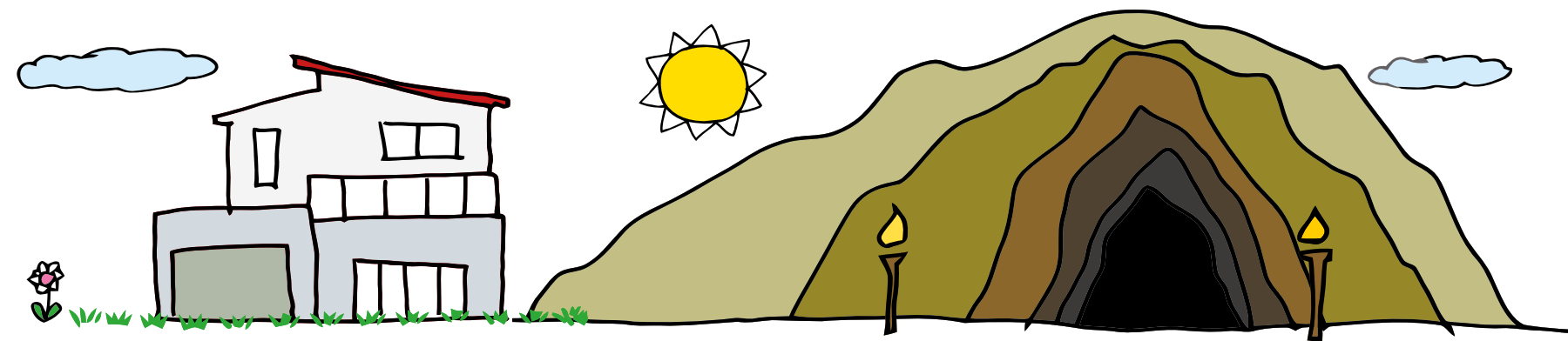
# THE FIRST BUILDINGS



*Thousands of years ago, houses were very simple. They might have been dug into the earth with walls made of stones. A wood fire was used to cook food and for warmth.*



**A long, long time ago**, there were no buildings yet. But people wanted to be comfortable, warm, and sheltered from the wind, rain, and snow. So they start living in caves. Later, they added doors to the caves and they carved windows in the walls. That's how the first buildings were created.



In which house did people live thousands of years ago?

# TODAY'S BUILDINGS



*High buildings in Moscow.*



*Tall cranes help to build skyscrapers.*

*A construction site in Dubai.*

**Now there are buildings** in all shapes and sizes.

Some buildings are low and made of stone, and others are very high and made of metal, glass, or both. Buildings also have different shapes. Angled, crooked, round, or curved, some are really interesting. Buildings are not only great to live or work in, but also fun to look at!



In the past, buildings were often made of brick, cement, wood, or concrete. Now other materials are used as well. The Reichstag in Berlin has a beautiful glass dome. That way everyone can look outside. And inside!