



Lesson plans & activities based on  
[The House on Silat Road](#)

Lesson Plan 1:

# In & Around the Home

Suitable for ages 7-10

## Themes:

Home & heritage  
Childhood in the past  
Nature around us

## Lesson Objectives:

Creative thinking & writing  
Literary appreciation  
Nature & Environment

Preparation: Read 'The Floating House' on page 15

## Activities:

### 1. Home Is Best Place To Be

Discuss why the book is named after the house and not Sing? What is so special about the house? Try drawing floor plans of the house based on the descriptions in this chapter, then creating a small model of it using cardboard, paper, and other recycled material. Alternatively, write a descriptive piece about their own home and include their favourite part of their house. What do they like to do there and why?

### 2. Fun Times

There were no computers in Sing's time. What did Sing and her family do after dinnertime to entertain themselves? Find out what other things children did for fun in the old days. Ask students to imagine if they lived in Sing's time and write about what they would do for enjoyment. Try out some heritage games in class. Or ask them to design their own game and teach their friends how to play it.

### 3. Creepy Crawlies All Around

Ask the children what insects visit Sing's house at night. Discuss what insects and creatures children see around their homes or in the parks these days. Why are there less insects and animals seen these days? What can they do to protect them? In groups, research up an indigenous insect or animal of their choice and present the information on a poster with lots of pictures or drawings. Alternatively, get them to come up with a poster on how to protect our wildlife. Pin it on the wall in class.