



English for PS, Sek I

Brick

Building and living (2)

15:00 minutes

Summary

Brick is a common building material. Houses, castles and factories testify to the tradition of building in brick. Bricks come in various colours and shapes. How is brick used in construction? What advantages and drawbacks does it have? Which professions deal with brick? Primary school students answer these questions, while an architect traces the history of brick.

Didactics

This is the second feature on building materials in our «Building and living» series. As an introduction, it lends itself to the topic of building materials and construction-related professions. Clear pictures illustrate specialist terms and provide the connections to a wider context. The simple design of the film allows for modular use in class. And a visit to a brick factory or clay pit will help to deepen insight into the topic.

Learning goals

The students...

1. what the characteristics of brick are.
2. how bricks are produced today, and how they are used in construction.
3. how bricks used to be made in the past.
4. what the advantages and drawbacks of building with brick are.
5. which professionals deal with brick.

Methodical ideas

1. Teacher and students brainstorm relevant keywords on the topic of brick: What is brick? What is it used for?
2. Put ideas on blackboard
3. View film with class
4. Split class into 3 groups. Each group tackles the observation sheet on their own
5. Compare and complete answers in class