A HOUSE

A house is a structure which has roof and walls that one can live in and get sheltered from the normal natural factors, like rain, sun, snow, etc. Usually a house is where a person lives. For a person to be living in a place it means he baths, cooks, defecates, and spends the night there, thus his dire need for a house.

There several kinds of houses. We have the kind of house that has the room, kitchen, bathroom, and toilet separate from each other. This kind is usually termed traditional or local house. Land is not economised in this kind of housing.

Also there are the kind of houses that have all the parts, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, and bedroom inside it. These ones are termed modern houses.

Different material are employed in making house. Some of these materials are: wood, glass, cement, ceramics, metals, plastics, clay, paint, sand, etc. For one to properly maintain and clean a kind of house such person ought to know the kind of materials employed in the construction of the house, their properties and their purposes.

Some material used in building a house and their characteristics are:

Clay: when wet can be shaped and when dried becomes hard. It can be moulded.

Wood: is made from trees and can be used to make stools, cupboard, wardrobe etc. It is used in roofing. It can easily get burnt.

Cement: made from limestone. It can be moulded into bricks (e.g. interlocks) or blocks or pillars.

Glass: in a breakable, transparent, material used in making windows, certain demarcations or wall and even doors.

Metal: is hard plan material that is sometimes called iron, as it is made from the iron ore. It is fire resistant and used sometimes as replacement

for wood in making doors, in roofing, etc. it is used in making roofing sheet, sinks, etc.

Ceramics: it is just like glass, but it is not transparent and is heavier. It is used in making water closets, water heaters, bath tubs, tiles, wash basins, etc.

Plastics: is a material that is light and resistant to water. It is used in making pipes. These pipes can be used in making good drainage and water removal system. It is the main material used in plumbing.

Paint: are colourful viscous liquids used to beatify a cement wall/surface, metal, or wood. Locally we know of emotion and oil paints. Usually oil paints are applied on metal to prevent rust and increase their durability, whilst emotion paints are applied on walls to improve their beauty.