

## Making a Longhouse

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46 perimeter.
- 52 2. Set the posts in the holes.
- 60 3. Lash pre-cut, rough lumber onto the wooden frame  
63 with green twigs.
- 73 4. Daub thick mud into the joints between the boards to  
77 seal out the weather.
- 88 5. Hoist the roof joists above the two widest points of the  
89 building.
- 98 6. Raise the centre beam between the end joists and  
104 attach all three sections together securely.
- 113 7. Attach all other roof joists to the centre beam.
- 122 8. Weave branches between the joists to support the outer  
124 roof layer.

## Questions



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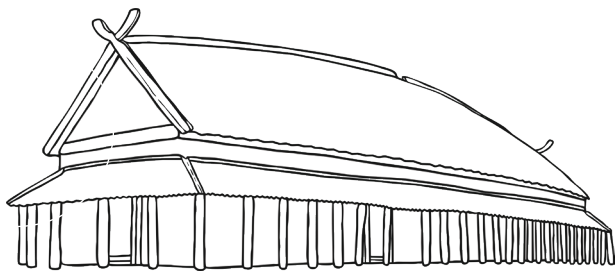


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## Answers



1. Who would live in the longhouse during the winter?

**During winter, Longhouses housed up to 50 people plus their livestock.**



2. Find and copy a word that the same as 'lift'.

**Accept: 'hoist' and 'raise'.**



3. Why is it important to **seal out weather**?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: It is important to seal out the weather to keep the longhouse warm during the winter.**



4. How does the layout help the reader to follow the instructions?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The layout helps the reader to follow the instructions as they are able to follow the steps in chronological order.**