

## 2.42 Nature and Animals: How do Animals live

People can't survive without a warm and safe home.

But what about animals?

Some animals don't need a home.

They move around and are seldom troubled by the weather or enemies.

They sleep wherever it's convenient.

But most animals do have a home:

attractive, sturdy homes they build themselves,

without using a single spade, nail or brick.

The mole uses its long-nailed forepaws

to dig underground tunnels and chambers.

The beaver also has inbuilt tools.

His razor-sharp front teeth

cut the wood he needs to build his dams and lodge.

Birds weave wonderful nests from twigs and moss.

But not all birds weave nests.

The woodpecker chisels a hole  
in a tree.

And the kingfisher digs out a nest  
in steep riverbanks.

Most birds only build the nursery  
of their home.

When their young grow up, everyone  
flies the nest.

What would you do if you could fly?

Insects are the best builders.

Some insects build enormous homes,  
in which whole families live.

Ant's and bee's nests, for example.

The spider provides its own building  
materials.

Its web is made of self-spun silk.

This is a water spider.

It lives under water in an air bubble.

Turtles, snails and shellfish take their  
homes wherever they go.

Some animals move into empty  
dwellings.

This hermit crab is using an  
abandoned shell.

There are also animals which  
scrounge off others.

Not only other animals,

but also people.