



**HOUSES & HOUSING INDUSTRY**

- **Subject**

**Part 1:**

**List 5 professions/ jobs in the housing industry and why they are important when building a house. Since houses are very crucial for the economic growth and development of a country, how do you think the financial crisis in Greece has affected the housing industry?**

# THE ARCHITECT

- He is the “creator” of a building. He should be organized, creative, resourceful and flexible. He should try to satisfy the owner’s wishes making the building functional and beautiful.
- Architects are responsible for the feelings, emotions, and lives of those who are going to live in the building.



# THE CIVIL ENGINEER

- He is the main person who is responsible for the safe and efficient carryout of a construction work. He acts as a supervisor who delegates the attributed workload as well as administers the maintenance of desired standards.



# THE BUILDER

- He is the one who makes the house with his own hands or with machines. He must coordinate with both people and products needed to transform a set of two-dimensional drawings into a finished home. The builder has to make sure that everything happens just when it's supposed to, and that the end result is exactly what the clients envisioned.



# THE INSULATOR

His job is to make the building energy-efficient.

Appropriate insulation saves energy since it keeps buildings warm in the winter and cool in the summer.



# THE PAINTER

- He is responsible for the painting and decorating of a building. He advises the owner on the aesthetics of the building and suggests colors and combinations. He chooses the right products to protect it from damage by water, rust, corrosion, insects and mould.



- **The economic crisis in Greece has affected the housing industry a lot. People don't have so much money to build a new house and they prefer to rent or to stay in their houses. They are afraid of taxes too. As the taxes to make a house increase, the new houses will decrease.**

- **Part 2:**
- **What is your favorite part of the house you live in and what are some characteristics that you enjoy about your house? How can you imagine the ideal house for a family to be in? Here you may take pictures of your house as well.**

- **My favourite part of my house is the living room. There, I enjoy watching movies with my family and discuss several issues. I listen to music as well. In the living room I spend a lot of hours. Sometimes, I also do my homework there because it is really quiet.**

- **I love my house!!! I really like the fact that my grandfather lives with us in his private separate apartment. In the garden I play football and hide and seek with my friends. What I most love is the magnificent view from my windows. I can see the mountain of Dionysus and the sea as well. The house is quite spacious so my parents, my grandpa my doggy and me can live comfortably.**

# The ideal house

- The ideal house is by the sea or has a sea view. It is definitely full of love, kindness and understanding. If I have the above, then I'm more than happy.
- It would be nice to have a garden with a pool. A big living room with a fireplace for the cold days is a really good idea.
- In an ideal house there must be a playroom for the children and a quiet place for reading and doing homework or watching a movie.
- The style of the interior space should match the modern style of the villa's exterior, so it would be mixed between modern and contemporary design, and it should reflect simplicity. I really like the minimal aesthetic .