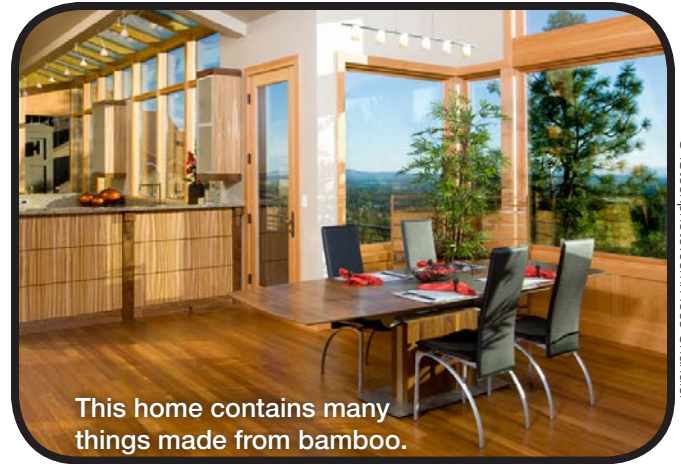


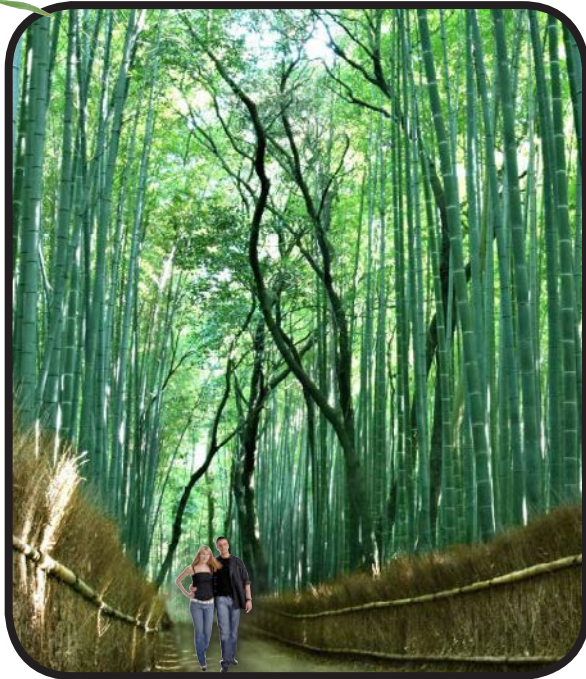
Bamboo is a type of grass. Its **stem** is hollow and feels like wood. It is also strong, like wood. But unlike trees, bamboo quickly grows back when it is cut down. Since bamboo is easy to replace, it is a popular **material**.



This home contains many things made from bamboo.

Many things we make from wood can also be made from bamboo. Floors that look like wood can be made from planks of bamboo. Soft rugs can be made from bamboo fibers. Chairs and tables can be made from bamboo, too.

Spoons, bowls, and cabinets can be made from bamboo. Even a garden fence can be made from bamboo. Bamboo is a useful material, and it comes from a plant!



Bamboo can grow to be about as tall as 12 adult people.

**Do You Know?**

Giant pandas eat lots of bamboo leaves and stalks every day.



**✓ Brain Check**

- Why is bamboo a good material for building things?
- Which bamboo products in a home could you walk on?
- How is bamboo similar to and different from wood from a tree?