

# MOUSE HOUSE

It is getting cold and wet here in Maine. Snow is coming! The mice are making preparations to move into their winter home. Don't let it be your house!

**Challenge:** Create an advertising commercial, including a model of an attractive beach house in Florida, to encourage the local mice to leave the state for the winter.

**Time:** Part One: You will have 5 minutes to write your commercial about moving some place warm and to create a model of a new home.  
Part Two: You will have 2 minutes to sell your idea to the mice (and the appraisers).

**Materials:** 5 sheets of construction paper  
6 mailing labels  
3 paper cups  
10 toothpicks  
(one sea shell, if you can find one)  
scissors and markers (may not be included in the solution)

**Scoring:** up to 30 points for the creativity of the commercial  
up to 30 points for the appeal of the model house  
up to 20 points for the creative use of materials  
up to 20 points for positive teamwork