

An Upside Down House



This strange house is near the village of Szymbark, in Poland. It is upside down, so it stands on its roof! Behind the house there is a forest. Next to the house tourists are waiting to go in and see what it is like. They have to climb into the house through one of the roof windows.



Everything in the house is upside down, too! You walk on the ceiling and the floor is above your head. All the doors open the opposite way – you push the door handle up, not down. In the picture you can also see a window between two doors. It is very low, so people outside see your legs and feet, not your head.

All the furniture in the house is from the 1970s. There is a cupboard with crystal objects, a 40-year-old toilet and even the TV programme from the same time. In this photo you can see an armchair, a lamp and a TV, but they are all hanging down. Even the flowers grow down, not up!



However, tourists must be careful – if you go inside the Upside Down House, you can get very dizzy.

Task: Imagine a strange house of your own. Draw a sketch and explain:

- 1) Where is your house?
- 2) What is strange about it?
- 3) Does it have any rooms? Which ones?
- 4) What's the furniture like?
- 5) Is your house useful, fun or scary?
- 6) How do people feel inside?


