From Pillars to Palaces

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Dheera loves to look at structures.

She wants to see them all. She wants to know what they are made of.
So Ma and Baba make her a little aeroplane.

All she has to do is think of a structure she wants to see, whisper its name and **TWAAAAANNGGGG!**
And Dheera’s aeroplane takes her there.

First Dheera wants to go to...
Iron Pillar in Mehrauli, Delhi

Dheera sees an enormous iron pillar. 1,600 years old and almost no rust! There are strange curls and loops on it. She wants to hug this big and strong pillar.
Now Dheera wants to go to...
Dheera is in the middle of a vast desert. A yellow sandstone fort stands on top of a hill. There are so many homes inside the fort. She blinks. It glitters like gold.
Now Dheera wants to go to...
Vittala Temple in Karnataka

Dheera runs towards a large hall. It is full of stone pillars. There are 56 big pillars and seven small ones around each of them. She taps the pillars. They sing *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa...*
Now Dheera wants to go to...
Padmanabhapuram Palace in Tamil Nadu

Dheera is in a wooden palace. Doors, balconies, windows, everything is made of wood. Even the King’s bed is made of 64 pieces of wood. She feels like a queen here.
Now Dheera wants to go to...
Charminar in Telangana

Dheera climbs a long twisting staircase. She reaches the roof of a tall granite building. There are four towers around her. She wants to play in the courtyard below.
Now Dheera wants to go to...
Bishnupur Temples in West Bengal

Dheera is in a temple that looks like a cone. So many shades of brick everywhere. There are terracotta* lotuses on some walls.

*baked clay
She leans against an arch near the shrine.

She is tired. She whispers, “Let’s go home.”
ACTIVITY

Dheera visits structures made of different kinds of materials. Can you match the material to the structure?
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(English)

Dheera loves buildings. When Ma and Baba build her a little plane, she flies out to explore what buildings are made of.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.

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