



Overview

- What sort of houses do people live in today?
- How were homes different in the past?
- What would you find in a house from the past?
- Why have houses changed over time?
- How have building styles changed over time?

Fun Facts

- The first houses were actually caves which Ice Age humans lived in.
- In Ancient Sumer the Kings lived in two-story high houses with a courtyard by poorer people lived in simple hand-made huts.
- In Ancient Egypt rich people had decorative gardens full of flowers and often with swimming pools.
- The Ancient Greeks made bricks out of mud which they covered in plaster. They also used pottery tiles to make roofs.
- The Celts lived in Britain around 650 BC. They had roundhouses which had a central pole and horizontal poles radiating outwards.
- Poor people in Ancient Rome lived in blocks of flats called insulae.
- In the Middle Ages, houses were designed to keep you safe rather than for comfort.
- The first council house was built before the First World War.
- In the early 1950's homes in Britain did not have bathrooms, if you need the toilet you had to use the outdoor lavatory!

How have houses changed over time? (Houses through time)

Language of a historian

Tudor	A period of British history from when King Henry VII was king until Queen Elizabeth I died. 1485- 1603
Stuart and Jacobean	A period of British history from when King James I was king until Queen Anne died. 1603 - 1714
Georgian	A period in British history when King George I – IV reigned. 1714 - 1830
Victorian	A period of British history when Queen Victoria reigned. 1837 - 1901
Edwardian	A period of British history when King Edward VII reigned. 1901 - 1910
Post-war era	Any time period after World War II. 1945 onwards
Century	A period of one hundred years. We count the centuries from 1 AD. This means that 1900's is 20 th century and 2000's is 21 st century
Modern	An object which is present or from recent times
Upper class	A term which usually refers to people with a title such as Duke, Earl, Lady or Queen
Middle Class	A term used for people who work in an office or in a job such as teacher, manager, doctor or architect
Working class	A term used for people who worked as manual labourers such as in coal mines or factories
Architecture	The art of designing and constructing buildings

'Houses are like people – some you like and some you don't like – and once in a while there is one you love.' Emily Climbs

'Every house has a story to tell.' Riley Sager

Language of an architect

Thatched	A thatched roof is made from straw. Usually seen on cottages but now forbidden in London since the Fire of London
Detached	A house that is not joined to any other house or building.
Semi-detached	A house joined to another house on one side or by a common wall
Terraced	A house built as part of a continuous row
Interior	The inner part of something such as a building
Exterior	The outer part of something such as a building
Layout	The way in which the parts of something are arranged or laid out. For a house this is how the rooms are organised
Art Deco	A decorative art style in 1920 – 1930 with precise, bold shapes and strong colours
Fixtures	A piece of equipment or furniture which is fixed into position in a building such as water pipes.

Key questions to ask yourself

- What type of house do I live in?
- What is the best looking house I have ever seen? Why?
- What were houses like in Ancient Egypt?
- What were houses like in the Stone Age?

Things to try at home

- Build your own house out of recycled materials
- Draw a floor plan of your house
- Count how many different styles of houses you can spot when on a walk
- Design your dream home. What would it look like?

Different houses around Lewes



Anne of Cleves house - Tudor



Sussex house - Georgian



Claydon house - Victorian



Friend's Meeting House –
18th Century

Celtic	Roman	Saxon	Viking	Tudor	Georgian	Victorian	Today
500 BC	AD 43	450	793	1485	1714	1837	1990+