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The history of dwellings

Some of the first homes were round houses. They were circular houses with a thatched roof and a fire.



When the Romans invaded 2,000 years ago, people started living in villas. These were rectangular houses built from stone and tiles. They had mosaic floors and underfloor heating.

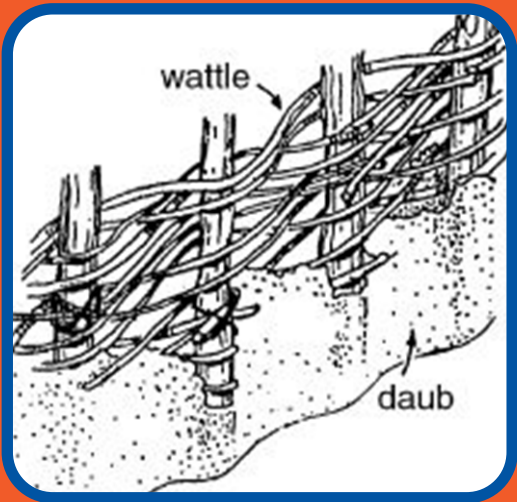
Tudor houses
started being
built around
600 years ago





Tudor Houses were built with a wooden frame, and wattle and daub walls.

Later on it became more common to build houses in stone with large glassed windows.



Did you know... wattle and daub is where you weave twigs together and cover them with a mixture of mud, straw and dung!



In the past, people were taxed on how many windows they had, so some people bricked them up. Next time you are walking down the street, see if you can spot any filled in windows



Did you know... the size of families has shrunk over the last few years?



In the past most dwellings did not have an indoor toilet or bath. A steel bath would be brought in and filled on bath day or the occupants would visit the Bath House once a week.



Did you know...privacy is relatively new to us? In the past whole families slept in one room. Even kings and queens had servants sleeping in their room.



Did you know...an important position in the Royal Household was the Groom of the Stool whose task was to help the King when he went to the toilet! The job was greatly sought after because it meant you got the King to yourself.



Not all people live in traditional houses. Some people live in caravans, tents, caves and boats.

Here is a selection of different types of residence that people call home



Far left:
Round
House.

Left:
Mansion

Far right:
Basement



Right:
Caravan



Far left:
Caves.



Left:
Longboat

Up Your Street home questionnaire

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| 1. Do you know any of your neighbours? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 2. Do you have a pet or plant? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 3. Do you live near a park? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 4. Do you have a tree to climb? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 5. Do you have a nice view? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 6. Do you share a room with a brother or sister? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 7. Do you have lots of things to do where you live? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 8. Do you live near family? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 9. Do you have more than one bathroom | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 10. Do you have wifi? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 11. Any you a member of a local club? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 12. Is it noisy where you live? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 13. Does anyone live under or over your home? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 14. Can you hear your neighbours or can they hear you? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 15. Does your house have stairs? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 16. Do you have to tidy your own space? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 17. Is your house joined on to any other houses? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 18. Can you walk or ride your bike to school or the shops from your house? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |

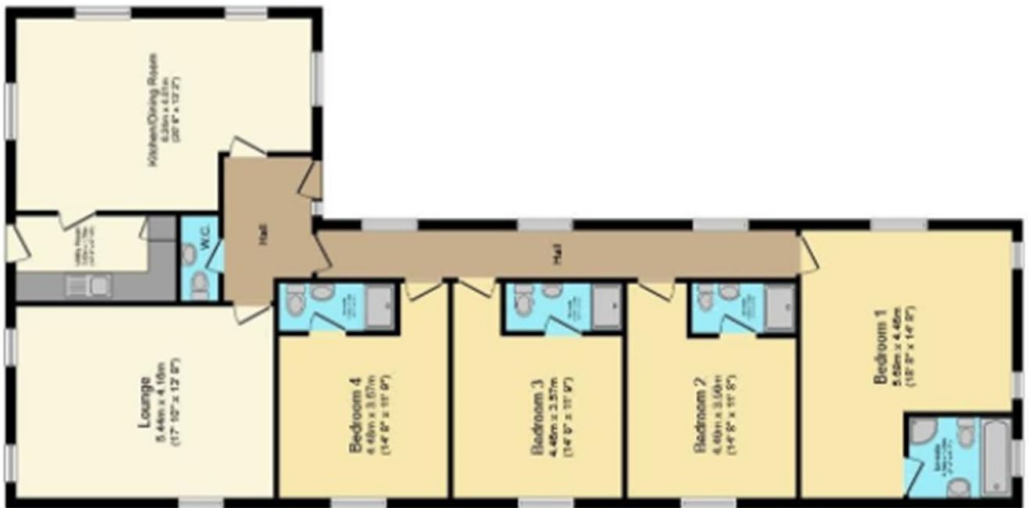
Complete this questionnaire about the place that you call home



Floor plans

Floor Plan

Garage



Here is the floor pan of a modern bungalow (a house with no stairs).

How many bedrooms are there?

How many bathrooms/toilets?

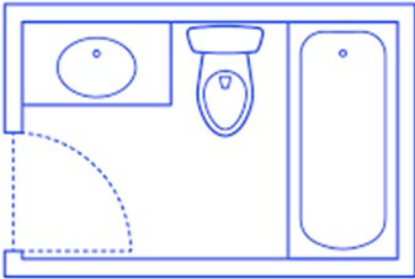
Where is the front door?

How do people move between the rooms?

If your house has an upstairs and a downstairs, you can draw a plan like this for both floors.



Floor plans



This is how a bathroom is shown on a floorplan. You can see the bath, toilet and sink from above.



A door is usually drawn to show which way it opens; like this:

The floor plan usually includes the measurements of each room, but it doesn't have to.



Floor Plan activity

Imagine someone has taken the roof off their house and is looking down on it from a hot-air balloon. It is what they would see from this view. If their house has an upstairs, you would have to imagine lifting this off and putting it down next to the ground floor. You can then imagine seeing all the rooms from above.

Draw a floor plan of the place you call home

This is how an architect or designer would draw a house. We have lots of plans like these in the archives, including ones for Gloucester Prison and Hospital. Some of the plans are hundreds of years old.

Your dream home



Draw a picture of your dream home