

The Victorians

The Victorians were people who lived in the United Kingdom a long time ago. They got their name because the Queen at that time was called Victoria.

Do you know what the current Queen is called?

Talk About It

Queen Victoria became Queen in 1837 and reigned for over 60 years until 1901.

Victorian Times

Life in Victorian times was very different from now.

Although cars were invented during the Victorian times, there were only a few of them and they were very expensive. Most people walked or rode in horse-drawn carriages.

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Victorian Times

For a lot of the Victorian era, only rich children went to school. Poor children often had jobs from a very young age, even your age!

If you had a job, what would it be and why?

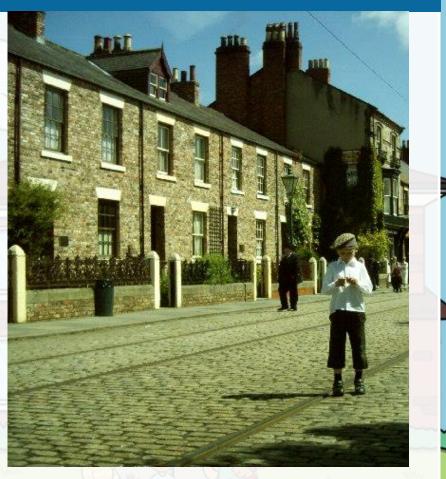
Talk About It

Today, we are going to compare modern houses with Victorian ones.



Victorian Houses

Victorian houses were heated with fires, so Victorian houses had chimneys. They didn't have garages because there weren't any cars. The very first car wasn't built until towards the end of Victorian times. It would be many years before ordinary people drove them on roads.





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The roads could be quite narrow because they were made before cars; you may have driven down a road of Victorian houses and noticed that there isn't much space for cars to pass the parked vehicles.

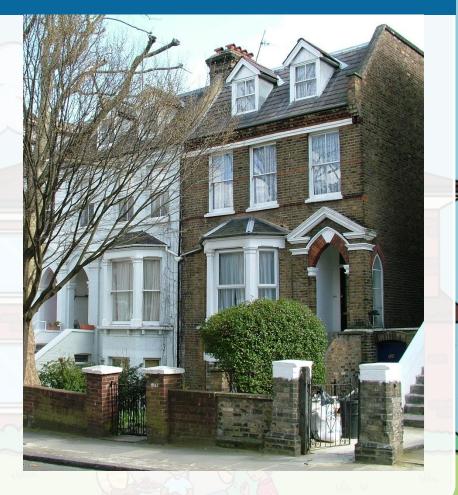






Victorian Houses

Because so many people moved to towns and cities to work in factories, lots of new houses were needed during Victorian times. Rows and rows of back-to-back terraced houses were built. These houses were very small, with two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. They didn't usually have gardens, but small yards.



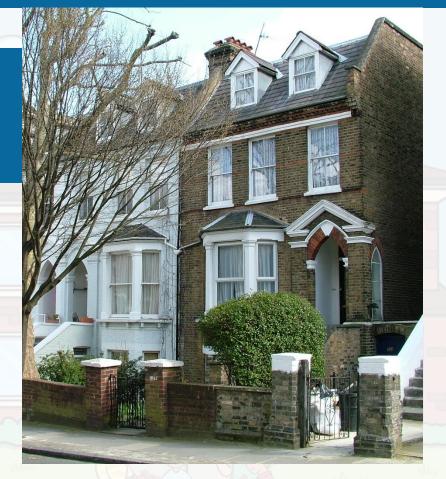




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Richer Victorians lived in houses much bigger houses. They had lots of rooms, sometimes even having rooms in the attic for servants to sleep in.





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Comparing Houses

Click on the room to find out how modern houses are different to Victorian ones.

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