



Historical Association
The voice for history

How to 'read' a house

Windows:

Large or small?
Wood?
Plastic?
Iron or steel?
Double-glazed?
Sash windows or
hinged?
Patio doors?

Roof:

Flat or sloping?
Slate?
Tile?
Thatch?

Doors:

Old or new?
Wood?
Plastic?
Other?
Solid or with
window?

'Furniture':

TV aerial or
satellite dish?
Telephone cable?
Solar panels?
Shutters or grilles?



Walls:

Brick?
Stone?
Concrete?
Wood?
Wattle and
daub?

Type:

Detached?
Semi-detached?
Terraced?
Flats?
One storey?
Two storey?
Three storey?

Chimney:

Old or new?
How is
the house
heated?



**Does the house have
a name plaque or any
other special features?**

Each of these features can help us date a house. Do each of the features of your house come from the same period?

Who do you think lived in these houses? How can you tell?