

# CUSP History Reference lesson

**KS1 Cycle 1**

**Events beyond living memory**

**How has living in a Victorian house changed?**

# Common misconceptions

- That homes in the past are not lived in today.
- That homes always had water and electricity.



# Aims of the lesson

## Pupils will know:

- some things remain the same and some things change over different time periods.

## Pupils will be able to:

- examine images to make comparisons between time periods
- deduce from evidence what life was like in a different time period.

# ↪ Connect

Put these queens in chronological order.  
Explain the reason for your order.



Mary, Queen of Scots



Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Victoria



# Vocabulary

Read, hear, say



Define



Apply



Connect



Analyse



Queen Victoria was the first *monarch* to rule from Buckingham Palace.

*Monarch*. That's an interesting word. I want to understand what it means.

mon-arch – monarch (rhymes with park)

Monarch means a single ruler of state, often a king or a queen.

King Charles III is the current monarch of the United Kingdom.

I would use this word when talking about a king or a queen. I need to understand this word when learning about history as many countries have had or still have a monarchy.

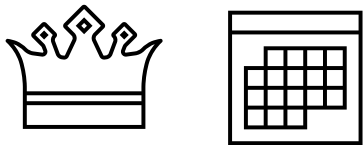
The prefix *mon* means one and the root word *arch* means rule and leader. This helps me to understand the meaning and role of a monarch.



# Vocabulary

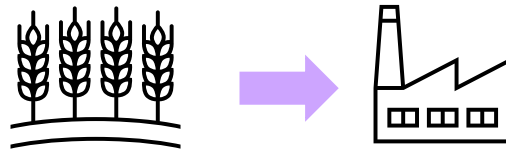
**reign**  
(noun)

the period (time) of rule  
of a monarch



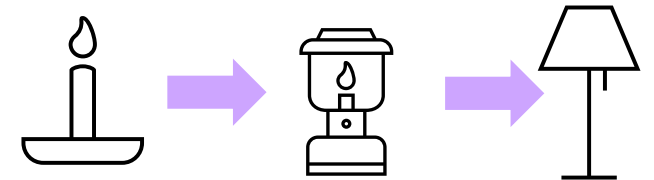
**industrialisation**  
(noun)

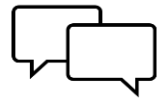
the process of moving  
mainly from farming to  
factories



**modernise**  
(verb)

adapt to meet more  
modern needs





# Explain

- Queen Victoria was the British monarch for 63 years.
- She became queen nearly 200 years ago.
- During her reign, Britain obtained immense power and wealth through industrialisation and extending her empire across the world.
- As a result, Britain saw the biggest building boom in our history.
- The majority of these buildings, including houses, still stand today.
- Nearly a quarter of people in Britain today live in a Victorian house.





# Explain

- This is a Victorian house. The outside will have looked the same as it is today.
- When it was first lived in, there would have been no cars outside.
- There would have been no electricity cables.
- The chimneys would have been smoking as cooking and heating relied on fire.
- We still live in Victorian houses as we have modernised the inside rooms.







# Example

Today, we have electricity so we can have a cooker, lights and a fridge. Today, we have taps which deliver water inside our Victorian houses.

In Victorian times, water had to be carried into the house. Cooking was often done on a special cooker, called an aga, which was powered with fire. Light came from candles or oil lamps.





# Attempt

How is using a bathroom in a Victorian house today different from Victorian times?

The bath was moved near a fire at bath time.

The toilet was at the back of the garden. It was called the outhouse.



# Apply

What is similar about these two bedrooms?



Can you find a clue to decide which bedroom shows what it was like in Victorian times?





# Challenge

Queen Victoria was the first monarch to rule from Buckingham Palace. These are photographs of cabs in front of the palace.

What is the same and what is different?





# Challenge

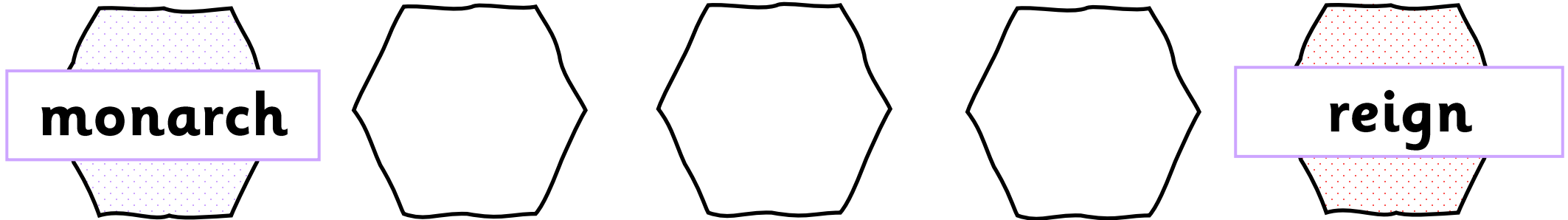
Class discussion

In Victorian times, most people did not have a mode of transport. They walked from their house to wherever they needed to go.

What does this suggest about where shops were located? Were they small local shops or large shops outside of the neighbourhood?

# Quiz

1. True or false? People still live in houses that were built in the Victorian times.
2. Connect the two words below by building a pathway of other words.



3. Why did Victorian houses need to have chimneys?