



词汇: *houses* 住宅, 房屋

There are many different types of houses in the UK. You may see **detached**, **semi-detached**, **terraced** houses or even **end-of-terrace** houses on a typical street. You might see **mansions** in more affluent parts of town, or people **residing** in **bungalows**, preferring to live a life without stairs. **Quaint cottages** may dot the countryside, while heading to the cities you could see any number of types of **flats**, including houses turned into **converted flats**, **studios** and **duplexes**. But one thing you will notice is that many houses come from different eras, and asking a British person about their **ideal** home, many of them will have a specific **period property** in mind.

For some, it could be **Victorian** houses, which are often seen with **bay windows**, high **ceilings**, **stained glass** doors and coloured **brickwork**. During the Victorian era, a huge number of houses, particularly terraced, were built in towns and cities to accommodate vast numbers of workers who were moving from more rural areas.

**Georgian** architecture refers to houses built during the period of 1714 and 1830 during the reigns of four British monarchs, all called George. Usually houses with this architectural style have a more symmetrical theme, both internally and externally, with a small square garden in front. For those not into older properties, **new builds** from the 1990s onwards offer better **insulation** against the cold and newer electrics. And those who prefer less maintenance could always go with the **open-plan** or minimalist look of the modern era.

So whether it's high ceilings, better insulation, brickwork, bungalows or square gardens, people in Britain have a wide variety of preferences when it comes to where they live. And their ideal home may just simply be a case of what style feels like home.

## 词汇表

<b>detached</b>	独栋的
<b>semi-detached</b>	半独栋的
<b>terraced</b>	连排的
<b>end-of-terrace</b>	连排房最边上一幢的
<b>mansion</b>	大豪宅
<b>reside</b>	居住
<b>bungalow</b>	平房（区别于两层及以上的房子）
<b>quaint</b>	雅致的
<b>cottage</b>	（乡村）小屋
<b>flat</b>	公寓
<b>converted flat</b>	改造而成的公寓
<b>studio</b>	（兼具客厅、起居室、卫生间等的） 单间公寓
<b>duplex</b>	跃层房屋
<b>ideal</b>	理想的
<b>period property</b>	某个历史时期的房屋
<b>Victorian</b>	英国维多利亚时代的
<b>bay window</b>	飘窗
<b>ceiling</b>	天花板
<b>stained glass</b>	彩绘玻璃
<b>brickwork</b>	砖墙
<b>Georgian</b>	英国乔治王时代的
<b>new build</b>	新建的房产
<b>insulation</b>	隔热材料
<b>open-plan</b>	开放式的，敞开式的

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What types of flats might you see in cities?
2. What are the typical features seen in Victorian houses?
3. In which years were Georgian houses built?
4. What are the typical features seen in Georgian houses?
5. Why might some people prefer new build homes?

### 2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. My dog loves to sit in the \_\_\_\_\_ window and watch the people walking past.

bay	may	hay	ray
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2. It looks like a mansion on the outside, but it's been turned into \_\_\_\_\_ flats.

covered	cover	converse	converted
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3. You live in such a \_\_\_\_\_ little cottage. I love it!

brickwork	quaint	ceiling	reside
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4. I live in the middle house in a row of 11 \_\_\_\_\_ houses.

terraced	studio	converted flats	ceiling
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5. I'd rather live in a modern home than a \_\_\_\_\_ property.

reside	bay window	stained glass	period
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## 答案

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1. What types of flats might you see in cities?

**You could see many types of flats including houses turned into converted flats, studios and duplexes.**

2. What are the typical features seen in Victorian houses?

**Victorian houses often have bay windows, high ceilings, stained glass doors and coloured brickwork.**

3. In which years were Georgian houses built?

**They were built during the period of 1714 and 1830.**

4. What are the typical features seen in Georgian houses?

**They have a symmetrical theme, both internally and externally, with a small square garden in front.**

5. Why might some people prefer new build homes?

**They offer better insulation against the cold and newer electrics.**

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