

Skimming and Scanning

Homes

Cities on Caribbean islands often have new and expensive flats in the centre. Cheaper houses are normally further out, around the edge of the city.

In Barbados, wooden houses built on the stone blocks are called chattel houses. They can be moved to different places because they are not built into the ground. Chattel houses are often painted in pale colours to help keep them cool. The oldest chattel house were built more than 200 years ago.

Scan the text for the words in **bold** in these questions.
Then answer the questions.

- Which types of houses are in the **centre** of the cities?

- Why might some families live near **the edge of the city**?

- Which island has **chattel houses** on it?

- Why can chattel houses **be moved to different places**?

- How old are the **oldest chattel houses**?
