

British Homes - Was or Were

1 FIND OUT ABOUT HOMES IN DIFFERENT PERIODS OF BRITISH HISTORY. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PAST OF **TO BE**.



The Celts **were** in England from 700BC. The typical Celtic house _____ (not) big. It _____ small and round, without any windows.

The Roman houses _____ (not) like Celtic houses. Celtic houses _____ very simple, but Roman houses _____ very beautiful. The floor of a Roman house _____ often a mosaic.



Viking houses _____ long buildings. Animals and people _____ together in the same building, so the house _____ (not) very clean.

Henry VIII _____ king during Tudor period in England. Tudor homes _____ often black and white.



Queen Victoria _____ queen during the Victorian period. Victorian houses _____ very attractive and the windows often colourful. But the houses _____ very close together.

2 COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT PAST FORM OF **TO BE**.

How ¹ _____ your last school trip? ² _____ it interesting or surprising? Write to us and tell us all about it!

Our School Trip to Windsor Castle

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Our last school trip ³ _____ to Windsor Castle. Windsor Castle is one of the Queen's homes, but she only stays there at weekends. We ⁴ _____ there on a Monday, so the Queen and her family ⁵ _____ there. They ⁶ _____ at Buckingham Palace, the Queen's home in London.

There ⁷ _____ many beautiful chairs and carpets in Windsor Castle, but my favourite thing ⁸ _____ Queen Mary's doll's house. It ⁹ _____ a gift from the people of England to the Queen May, the wife of George V, in the 1920s. Most doll's houses are toys for children, but Queen Mary ¹⁰ _____ a child at the time. She ¹¹ _____ an adult. The doll's house and the items in it ¹² _____ miniature copies of Windsor Castle and the real things in it – furniture, curtains, lamps, bottles of wines and even toilet paper! The miniatures ¹³ _____ amazing. I guess doll's houses aren't only for children.

