

# NEW CUTTING EDGE

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE

### Module 9 Old and new

- 1 What can you remember about the 1900 house TV programme and the family that took part in the programme?
- 2 You are going to visit the website for the TV programme. Type in:  
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/1900house>.
- 3 When the main page appears, look at the picture of the 1900 house on the left of the screen. Does the house look like any houses in your country? How is it similar/different?
- 4 Click on **The House** in the bar at the bottom of the page. Click on each room of the house in the bar at the top, then on each section to answer the questions and complete the spaces:

#### **The front parlour - Games, Activities, and Parties**

- a The Wizard of Oz, by L. Frank Baum was one popular book of the time. What was another?

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Kitchen - Shopping**

- b Did Victorians go shopping every day? YES/NO

#### **Bedroom - Corsets and undergarments**

- c How much smaller were women's waists in 1900 than today? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Bathroom - Cleaning Teeth and Washing Hair**

- d Toothbrushes of the Victorian era featured bristles made of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

#### **Scullery - Servants**

- e How many hours did servants clean for? \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 Now go back to the home page and click on **The family**. Now click on **Ask the Bowlers** in the bar at the top.

What was the first modern thing each member of the family used when they went home to their real house?

Paul: \_\_\_\_\_

Joyce: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathryn and Hilary: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth: \_\_\_\_\_

Joe: \_\_\_\_\_

### TEACHER'S NOTES:

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**Aim:** For students to find information in English from the 1900 House TV programme website. This worksheet leads on directly from **Reading and speaking** on pages 80–81.

**Time:** Approximately 45 minutes.

**Materials:** Photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

You will probably need to pre-teach *bristles* and *waist* and explain that *Victorian* refers to the time when Queen Victoria was queen of England from 1837-1901.

- 1 Students discuss with their partner what they can remember about the 1900 house TV programme and the family that took part in the programme.
- 2 Make sure students have found the correct page.
- 3 Students decide if the 1900 house looks like any houses in their country and how it is similar or different.
- 4 Students click on **The House** at the bottom of the page. They then click on each room of the house in the bar at the top, then on each section to answer the questions.

**The Front Parlour - Games, Activities, and Parties**

a **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**

**Kitchen - Shopping**

b **YES**

**Bedroom - Corsets and undergarments**

c **5 inches smaller**

**Bathroom - Cleaning Teeth and Washing Hair**

d Toothbrushes of the Victorian era featured bristles made of **pig** and **horse** hair

**Scullery - Servants**

e **15 hours a day, seven days a week**

- 5 Students then go back to the home page and click on **The family** then on **Ask the Bowlers** to find what was the first modern thing that each family member used when they went home to their real house. To find the answer to this question they will have to scroll down the page, past the first three questions.

Paul:	<b>shower</b>
Joyce:	<b>kettle to make a quick cup of tea, opened fridge for cold milk</b>
Kathryn and Hillary:	<b>CD players</b>
Ruth:	<b>turned on all the lights</b>
Joe:	<b>computer games</b>