

Let's explore homes before
electricity...



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Lighting

Kerosene lamps were used for lighting in homes.

Many families only had one or two lamps because they could move them from room to room.

1. How do you light your home?



2. How many lights do you have in your lounge room?



The kitchen

Most kitchens had a fireplace.

These could be open fires or enclosed heaters like the one in the picture.

Fireplaces were used to cook on and heat water.

Food was cooked on top of the fireplace in pots and pans.

Water was boiled in big pots or kettles.

The hot water was then used for cooking, cleaning laundry and washing.



1. Where does your hot water come from?

2. How does your kettle work?

The laundry

People washed their clothes by hand in a bucket. They used hot water from the kettle.

Wet clothes were then rolled through a washing wringer. You had to turn the washing wringer by hand.

Clothes were then hung on a clothesline to dry.



1. How do you wash your clothes?

2. How do you dry your clothes?



Your home...

Homes had **zero** power points.

This is because there were no appliances or devices to plug in.



How many power points does your home have?

Room	Number of power points
Kitchen	
Bathroom	
Laundry	
Bedroom	
Other	