

# TYPES OF HOUSES and BUILDINGS



# A detached house



- It is a free-standing residential building.
- Generally found in less dense urban areas, the suburbs of cities, and **rural areas**.
- Surrounded by a **garden**.
- Garages can also be found on most lots.



# A semi-detached house



- They consist of pairs of houses built side by side as units
- They share a party wall
- Usually each house's layout is a mirror image of its twin
- Symbolic of the suburbanisation of the United Kingdom and Ireland
- This type of housing is a half-way state between terraced and detached houses.



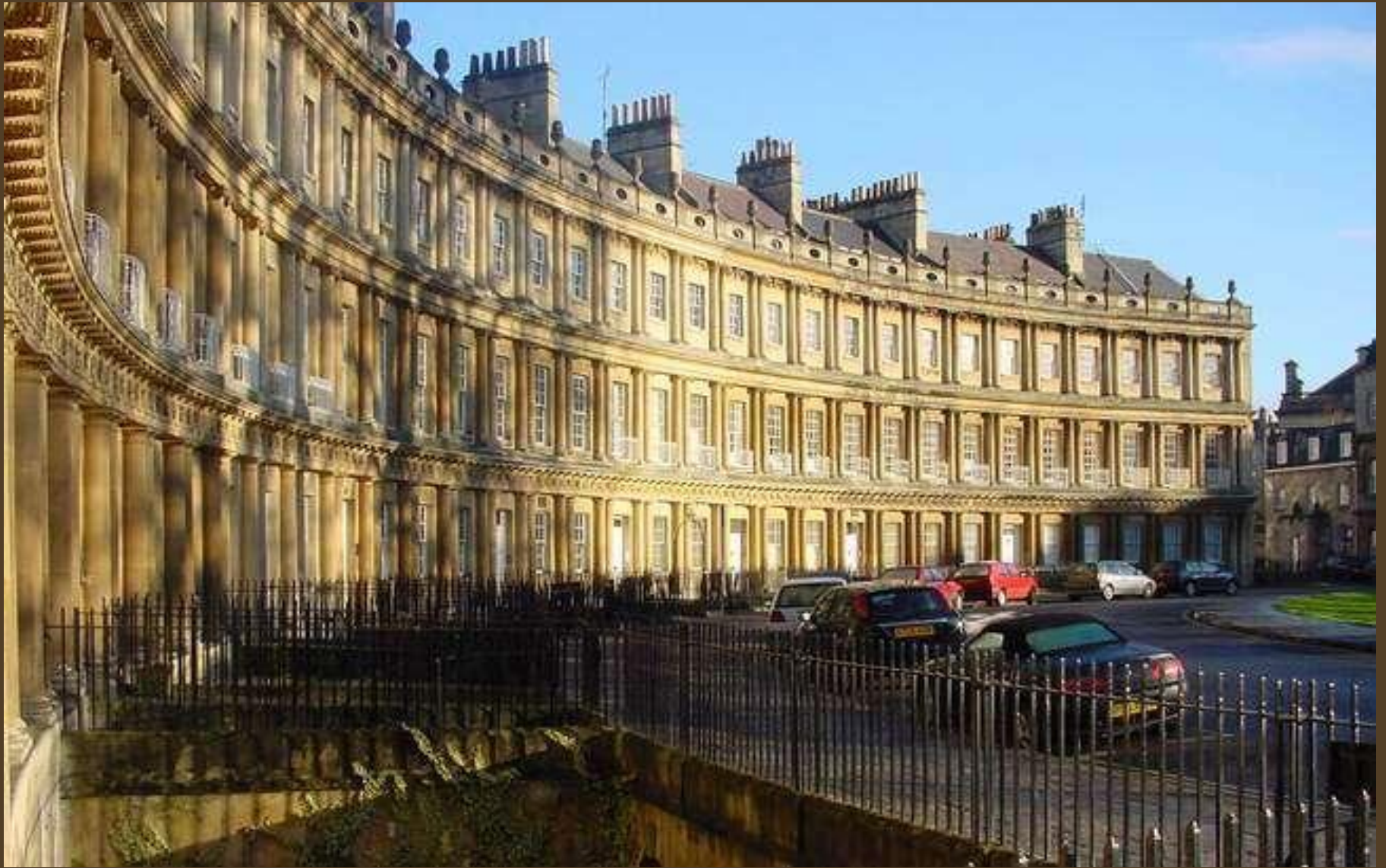
# Terraced houses



A **terrace(d)** or **row house**, is a style of housing in use since the late 17th century. A row of identical or mirror-image houses share side walls. The first and last of these houses is called an *end terrace*.







Royal Crescent in Bath



Terraced houses at Fortuneswell, Dorset, UK 11

# Cottages



A **cottage** is a dwelling, typically in a rural (sometimes village), or semi-rural location. It is usually one and a half storey property.



# Bungalows



- A **bungalow** is a house which is all on ground level. Traditionally small, but today it can be quite large.



# Block of flats



A red brick apartment block in East London, England, on the north bank of the Thames



- **A block of flats** (BrE) or an **apartment building** (AmE) is a multi-unit dwelling made up of several apartments (US) or flats (UK)
- If the building is a high-rise construction, it is termed a tower block in the UK

# A penthouse



- A **penthouse** is a very expensive apartment on the top floor of the building
- Often occupies the entire floor
- May have a private entrance or lift
- Associated with a luxury lifestyle

# Skyscrapers



# A villa



- *British English* a house that you use or rent while you are on holiday
- a big house in the country with a large garden
- an ancient Roman house or farm with land surrounding it

# A mansion



- A **mansion** is a very large and stately dwelling house for the wealthy.

# A country house



- The **English country house** is generally a large house or mansion
- It was a weekend retreat for aristocrats as well as a full time residence for some aristocrats and for the minor gentry
- It has at least 25 rooms and at least 8,000 square feet (740 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor space, including service rooms.
- Built at different ages and in various architectural styles.





# A stately home



- These houses became a status symbol for the great families of England.
- **Country houses** and stately homes are sometimes confused —while a country house is always in the country, a stately home can also be in a town.



# A townhouse



**Leinster House**, 18th century Dublin townhouse of the Duke of Leinster. It is now the seat of parliament

- Historically in UK and Ireland, a **townhouse** (or a "house in town") was a residence of a peer or member of the aristocracy in the capital or major city.
- Most such figures owned one or more country houses in which they lived for much of the year.
- They moved to town when the Parliament was in session

- In the United Kingdom and Ireland most townhouses were terraced.
- Only a small minority, generally the largest, were detached.
- Even aristocrats whose country houses had grounds of hundreds of acres, often lived in terraced houses in town.



**Henrietta Street**, it contains some of the oldest and largest Georgian townhouses in Dublin.

# Dormitory



especially *BrE* a large room for several people to sleep in, for example in a boarding school or hostel

*AmE* a large building at a college or university where students live [= **HALL OF RESIDENCE** *BrE*]

# Bed-sit



*BrE*

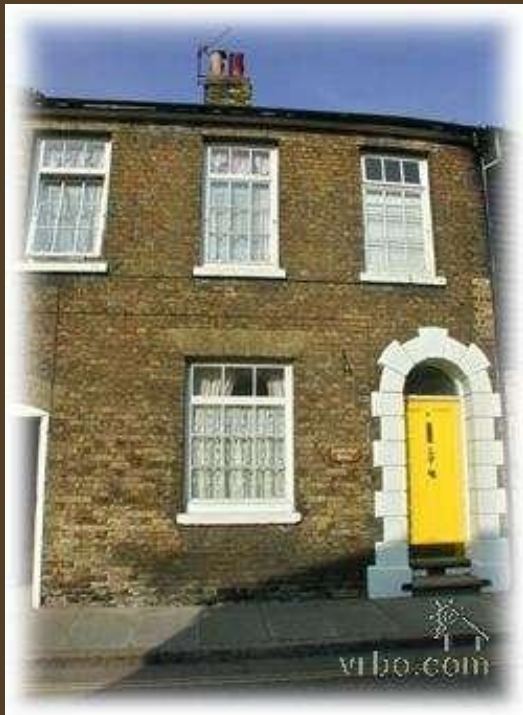
a rented room used for both living and sleeping in



# Condominium



(AmE) one apartment in a building with several apartments, each of which is owned by the people living in it



# Front doors in Britain



# Front doors in Ireland





# Windows

# French windows



a pair of doors made mostly of glass, usually opening onto a garden or balcony

# Sash windows



a window consisting of two frames that you open by sliding one up or down, behind or in front of the other



# Bay window

a window that sticks out from the wall of a house, usually with glass on three sides



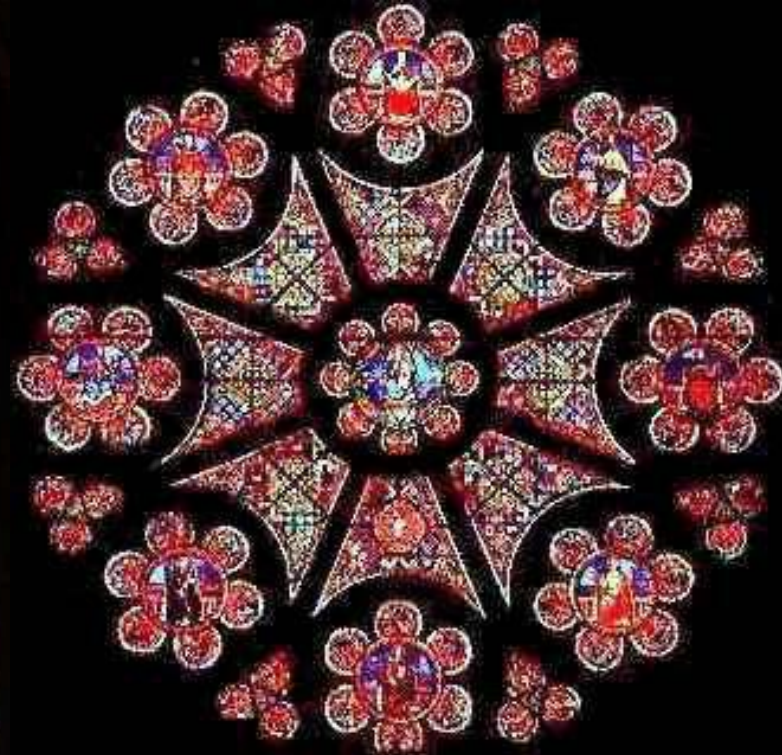
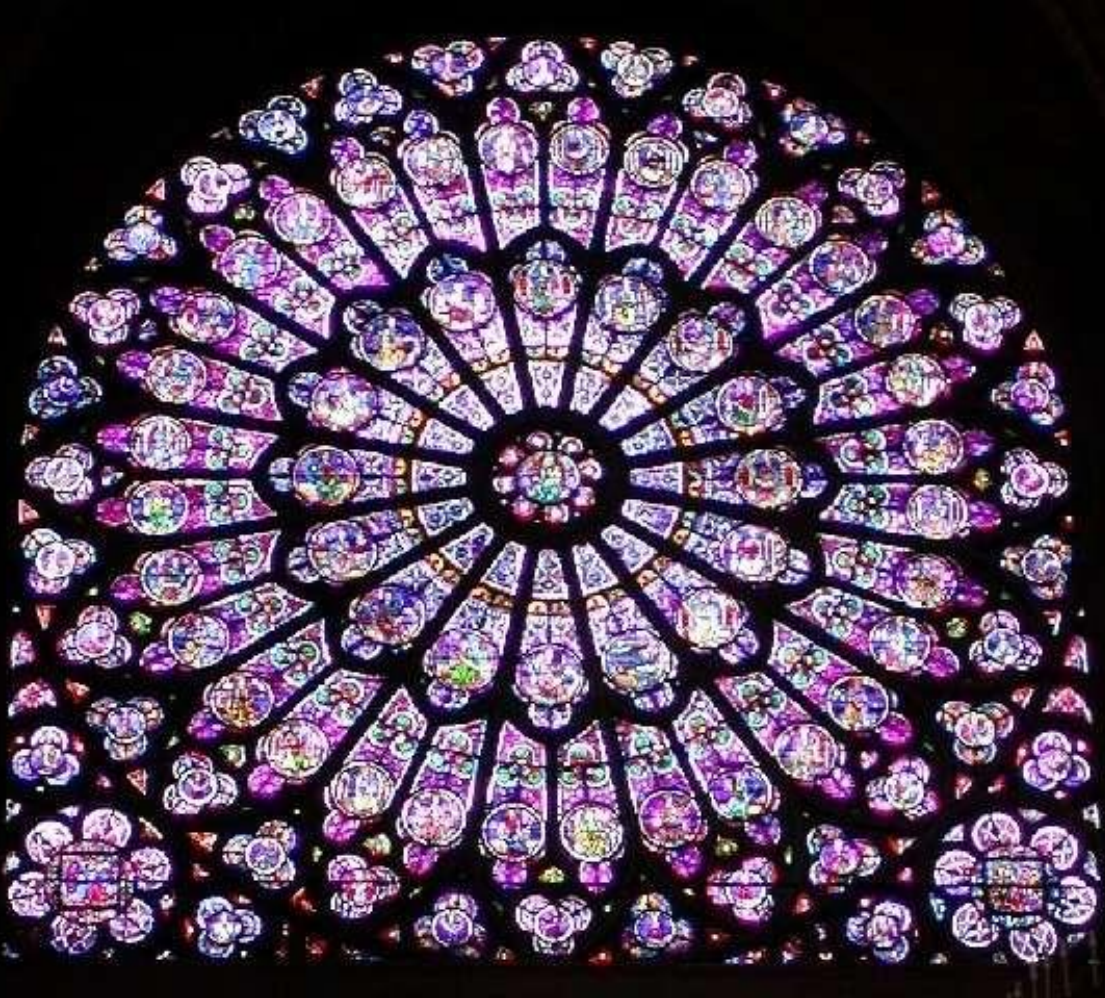


# Picture window



a large window made of a single piece of glass

# Rose window / stained glass windows



- a circular window in a church, especially one with coloured glass in it