

National Slate Museum ESOL Entry 1 Fron Haul Quarrymen's Houses

If you have previously done the activities on planning a visit, explain that these houses are part of the slate museum at Llanberis. If not, then ask general questions about museums the learners know: where are they, what can they see there etc. Some might not be familiar with this kind of museum. Explain simply what they can find at the slate museum, including houses to show how people lived in the past.

Look at the photo of the houses and ask for suggestions as to what they are like inside, what you might find there. Revise *there is/are* and what adjectives are.

Reading text: learners can work in pairs and take turns reading the text aloud to each other. They can find the answers to the activities together. Demonstrate the pronunciation of the Welsh place names and, if necessary, explain that the language works differently to English.

Depending on available equipment and learners' skills, you could use the 360 images from the museum website for this activity.

Answers:

Introduction

1. What are the houses called? **Fron Haul**
2. Where were they in the past? **Tanygrisiau**

Number 3 – life in 1861

3. Where do they cook? **On an open fire**
4. How many bedrooms are there? **One**
5. Underline three adjectives (describing words) **small, dark, wooden**

Look at the picture and make sentences. Use *There is ...* or *There are*.

There **is** a fire.

There **is** one bedroom.

There **is** one bed.

There **is** a curtain.

There **are** some plates.

There **are** some pots and pans.

There **is** a candle.

Number 2 - 1901

6. How many bedrooms are there? **Two**

7. Do they have a lot of food? **No**

8. Underline three adjectives (describing words) **small, nasty, difficult**

Look at the pictures and make sentences.

There is **bread** on the table. **image of bread on table**

There is a **suitcase** in the bedroom. **image of suitcase**

There is a **card** in the window. **image of card in window**

There are **vegetables** in the garden. **image of vegetables in garden**

Number 1 – Llanberis 1969

9. Where do they cook? **Electric cooker**

10. Where do they wash? **Bathroom**

11. Which things need electricity? **Suggestions: cooker, TV, radio, record player, fire.**

Look at the pictures and make sentences.

There is an **electric** fire.

There **is** a television.

There **are** books and games.

There **is** a sofa.

There **is** a carpet.

Read the sentences. Which house is it? 1,2 or 3 Fron Haul?

There is only one bedroom for the whole family.	1	2	3
There is a toilet and bathroom indoors.	1	2	3
There is lots of food.	1	2	3
They have electricity.	1	2	3
They cook on a fire.	1	2	3
They grow vegetables in the garden	1	2	3

Nominate learners to read parts of the text aloud then check answers to activities. Show 360 image if possible. Follow up on any queries or comments they might have. Which house do they like best? Which is most like their own house?