

I hated my parents. What was wrong with our old house? Why did we have to move and leave all of my friends behind? They don't understand, it's just not fair! Who cares if it's, "Big and full of history?"

I'd read all about priest holes, secret rooms, books that you move and a door opens, but they were all in ancient houses and spy films, full of intrigue, mystery and adventure. So when I was exploring the 'new' house, pushed gently on the patterned wall and it opened up... my heart started fluttering.

I just had to see inside.

1. Which words or phrases show how the narrator is feeling?
2. If you could ask the narrator one question, what would it be?
3. How old do you think the narrator is? Why?
4. What do you think that the new house will look like? Explain your answer. Use a labelled diagram.
5. What do you think will be behind the hidden wall?
6. If you were the narrator would you keep this a secret? Why?

Be a detective.



Find out about a house, or castle, with hidden rooms and walls.

What were priest holes? Why were they built?

Design a futuristic feature for a house – what will it do?

Find out about secret hiding places – create one of your own.

Design a shelter to help people living in a jungle, a desert or a habitat of your choice.

