

Photo Guide

20th Century Household Objects



Scene 1 - Kitchen Objects 1

1. Egg Timer
2. Egg Beater
3. Rolling Pin
4. Enamel Measuring Cup
5. Bread Box
6. Mortar and Pestle

Scene 2 - Kitchen Objects 2

1. Coffee Mill
2. China Teacup and Saucer
3. Milk Bottles
4. Enamel Coffee Pot
5. Corkscrew
6. Canister

Scene 3 - Furnishings

1. Armchair
2. Stained Glass Lamp
3. Cookoo Clock
4. Coat and Hat Rack
5. Tole Painted Rocking Chair
6. Metal Fan

Scene 4 - Photography

1. Box Camera
2. Telescoping Camera
3. Slide Projector
4. Photo Albums
5. Movie Reel
6. Movie Projector

Scene 5 - Communications

1. Telephone
2. Telegraph
3. Newspapers
4. Mailbox
5. Fountain Pen
6. Hard Cover Books

Scene 6 - Household Tools

1. Vacuum Cleaner
2. Tool Box
3. Sewing Box
4. Iron
5. Washboard
6. Shoe Shine Kit

Scene 7 - Entertainment

1. Radio
2. Clock Radio
3. Phonograph
4. Cabinet TV Set
5. TV Dinner Tray
6. Remote Control

Scene 8 - Toys and Games

1. Marbles
2. Ball and Jacks
3. Wooden Tennis Racket
4. Jack in a Box
5. Toy Train
6. Ice Skates

Conversation Starters



We lived with these objects daily, in the kitchen or around the house. Most were made of wood, glass and metal. Revisit them again and relive the memories they bring back. The following questions provide a starting point for reminiscing about household objects.

"What" Questions

What did your shoeshine box contain? (examples, cloth, polish, brush)
What did you keep in your kitchen canister? (examples, flour, cookies)

"Where" Questions

Where in the house did you store your iron and ironing board?
Where did the milkman leave the milk when he delivered it? What else did he deliver? (examples cream, cottage cheese)

"Who" Questions

Who taught you to cook? What was your favourite dish to bake?
Who used to take the photographs in your family?

"When" Questions

Did you ever send or receive a telegram? When was that?
When did you get your first TV set?

"How" Questions

How did you get your mail? Was it delivered or did you go to the Post Office? How often did you do a washing for the family? How often did you iron the clothes?