

Oldest House Vocabulary List

- **archaeologist**-- a scientist who studies things people left behind in order to learn how people lived in the past
- **ballast**-- rocks carried in the bottom of ships to keep them from tipping over
- **barracks**-- a building where soldiers live and sleep
- **Canary Islands**-- islands off the west coast of America that belong to Spain
- **friary**-- a place where members of a religious brotherhood live and work
- **gamble**--to play betting games in hopes of making money
- **garrison**--soldiers that defend a fort
- **lava**--melted rock that comes out of a volcano; such rock when it cools and becomes hard
- **lice**-- a small insect that lives in people's hair and makes them itch
- **lime**--a white substance that one gets by burning seashells
- **midwife**-- a woman who helps women in childbirth
- **paneling**-- thin, wide pieces of wood used to cover walls
- **plaster**--a pasty substance made of sand, lime, and water that hardens when it dries and is used to cover walls and ceilings
- **porous**-- full of tiny holes that air, water, or light can pass through
- **quarry**-- a place where people dig out stone to use in buildings
- **tabby**-- a kind of concrete made from sand, seashells, and lime
- **tavern**-- a place where people would come to drink and relax
- **thatch**-- straw, reeds, or palm leaves used to make a roof