

## Clues from Words

The following names and phrases may be found printed on china, porcelain, etc. The words may not tell you the age of the piece, but they often will give you clues as to how old it is **not!**

Words Printed	Clue
<b>Bone china</b>	1915 to present
<b>C=copyright</b>	for 1914 to present
<b>Copyright</b>	from late 1800's to present
<b>Copyright Reserved</b>	1876 to present (English term)
<b>De'Pose'</b>	ca. 1940
<b>Hand painted</b>	20th century
<b>Incorporated</b>	ca. 1940
<b>Made in</b>	1887 to present
<b>Nippon</b>	1891- 1921 = means Japan
<b>Occupied Japan</b>	1945-1952
<b>Patent applied for</b>	1902 to present
<b>Patent pending</b>	1940 to present
<b>Patented</b>	1900 to present
<b>Trademark</b>	1875 to present
<b>U.S. Patent</b>	after 1900
<b>U.S. Zone</b>	1945 - 1949
<b>Warranted</b>	1890's or 1920's
<b>West Germany</b>	1949 on

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