

Castles



Fun Facts!

- A castle is where a lord or noble, such as a prince, lives.
- Castles have some similarities with palaces and fortresses.
- They used to use earth and timber to build castles, but now stone is used.

Features of a Castle

- The main **castle gate** or **door** was hard to break through because it was usually made from thick, iron-studded wood.
- **Moats** surround the castle to make it harder for enemies to tunnel underground and enemies could be spotted easily trying to swim or row across.
- **Drawbridges** could be pulled up to stop enemies getting across.
- **Gate towers** were useful for shooting down from.
- The **high ground** that castles were built on meant the defenders could have a clear view of the surrounding area.
- The **high walls** of the castle made it difficult for enemies to climb.
- The **curtain walls** around the castle were tall and thick, to shield the castle.
- The **flanking towers** built in the curtain walls, were where defenders could view and attack enemies from.

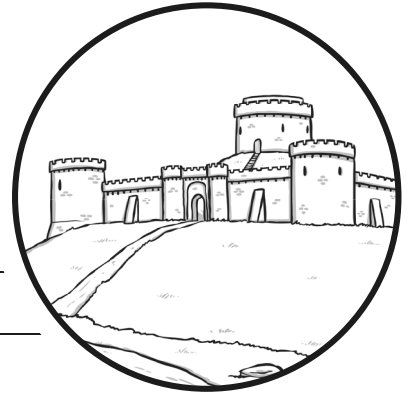
Famous Castles

- Dover Castle
- Kenilworth Castle
- Tintagel Castle
- Bolsover Castle
- Portchester Castle
- Warkworth Castle
- Dunstanburgh Castle
- Carisbrooke Castle
- Middleham Castle
- Beeston Castle



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Questions About Castles



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