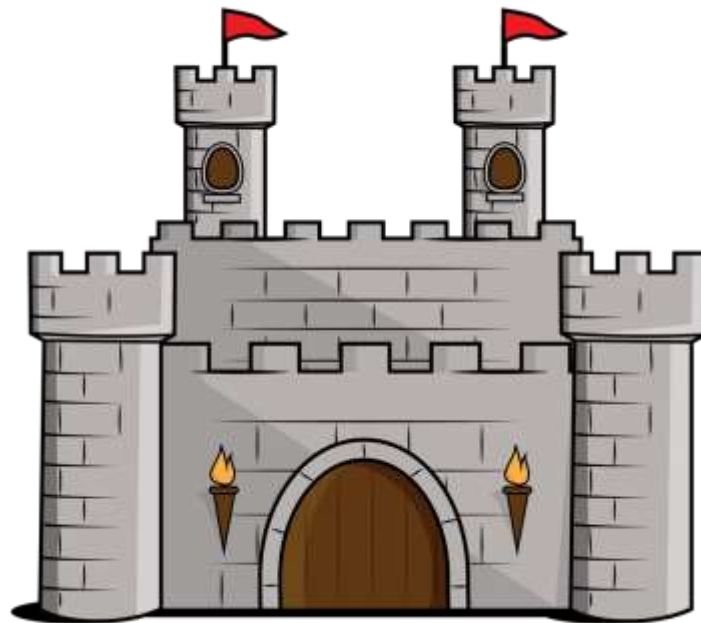


Key Stage 1

Cool Castles



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Castle Challenge!



Castles have been around for hundreds and hundreds of years. Some castles are ruins with only small parts of them left standing. Some castles have people living in them today or are open to the public so we can learn more about their history.

Have a go at the castle challenges below. If you like to add extra challenge, set yourself a time-limit for each one.



2 Minute Challenge

Make a list of ALL the films, books and games you know that have a castle in them



5 Minute Challenge

Make a list of the names of any castles you know



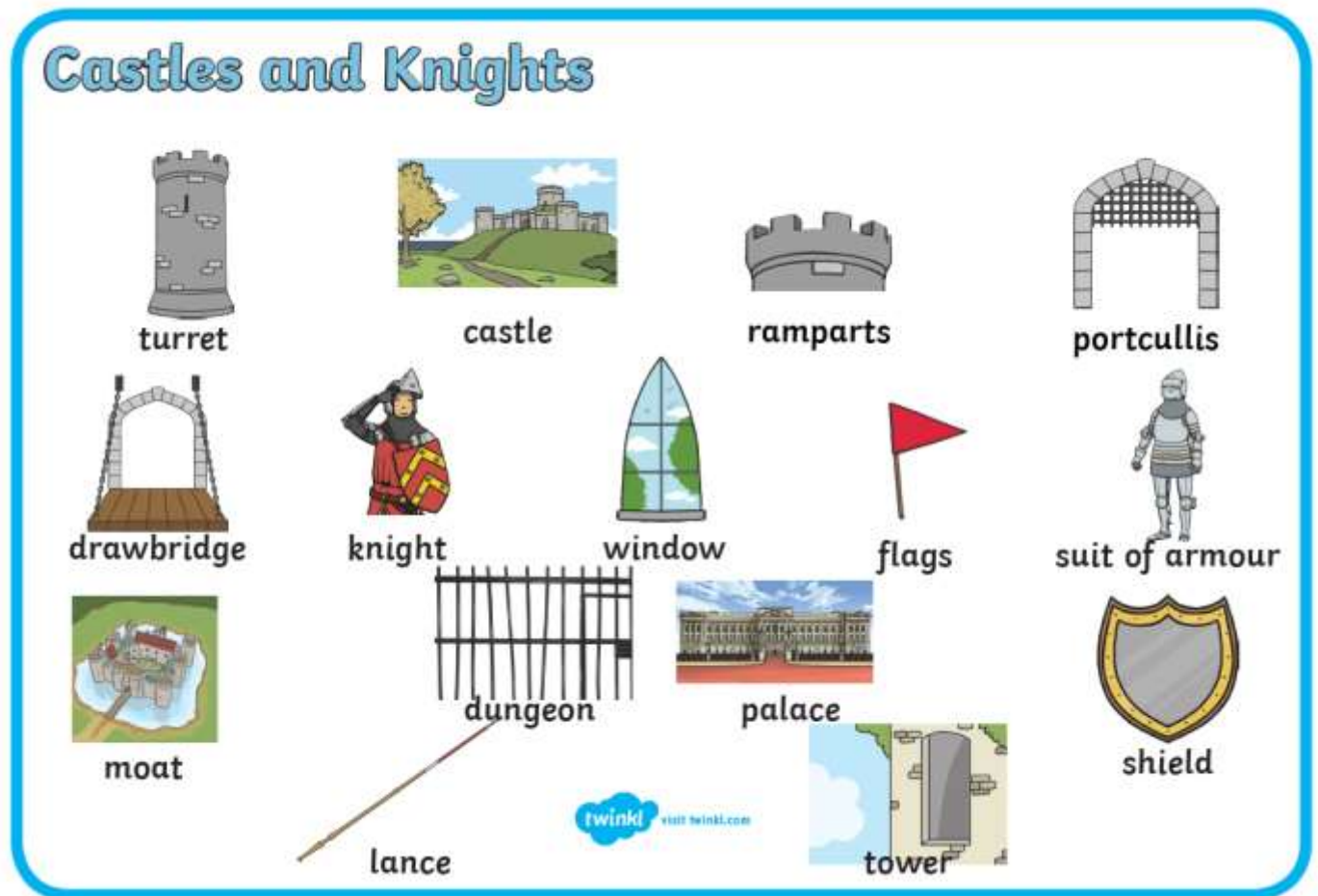
10 Minute Challenge

Look at the castle picture in your pack. What do you notice?

- How many things on the picture can you label?
- Where has the castle been built?
- What are the different stalls selling in the market place? What trades (jobs) do you think the stall holders (people selling things) do?

Cool Castles Word Mat

Look at this castle word mat (from Twinkl). How many of the words do you already know?



Challenge – can you see any of the words on your Castle Poster?

Label any you can find.

All about Castles 1

What are castles? Castles are a type of home . They were built to protect the people inside. The most important person in the castle was the lord. He was in charge. There were also soldiers to defend it from attack and cooks and cleaners to keep everyone fed and to tidy up. They could be very crowded places to live.



The first castles in England were built by the Normans.



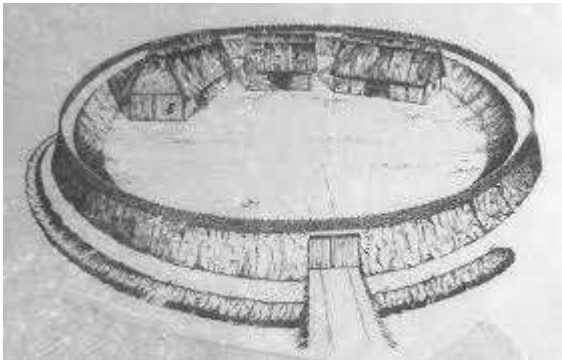
As time passed, castles got stronger and easier to defend. At the same time, different weapons were invented to try to break into the castles and take them over more quickly. There are lots of castles all over Britain. In some, you can walk around to see exactly what it would have been like to live there, whether you were trying to defend the castle or trying to attack it.

Look at how castles have changed over the years.



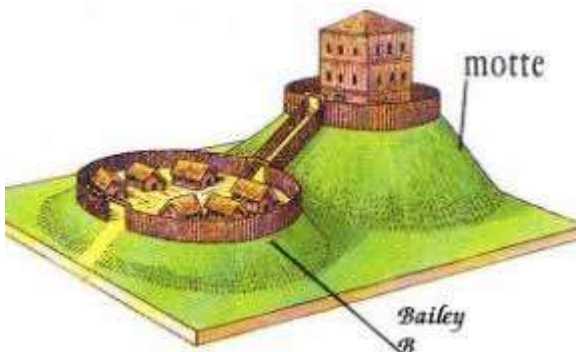
Very early castles were called hill forts.

What do you notice?



Saxon ditch and rampart

What do you notice?



Motte and bailey castle

What do you notice?



Stone motte and bailey castle

What do you notice?



Concentric castle

What do you notice?

Castle Questions 1 – See how many you can answer

Green – easier, **yellow** – a bit harder, **pink** – more challenging

1. What are castles?
2. What was the first type of castle?
3. What do you notice about a motte and bailey castle?
4. What group of people built the first real castles?
5. Which do you think was best – a castle made of wood or a castle made of stone? Why?
6. Look at the picture of the weapon shown above. How do you think it worked?
7. What do you think a motte is?
8. Concentric castles had two or three walls built around the keep. The keep was the main building in a castle. **Why do you think concentric castles were built?**



All about Castles 2 – Norman Castles

Read the leaflet in the pack.

Think about:

- The different parts of the castle
- What it was like to live in a castle

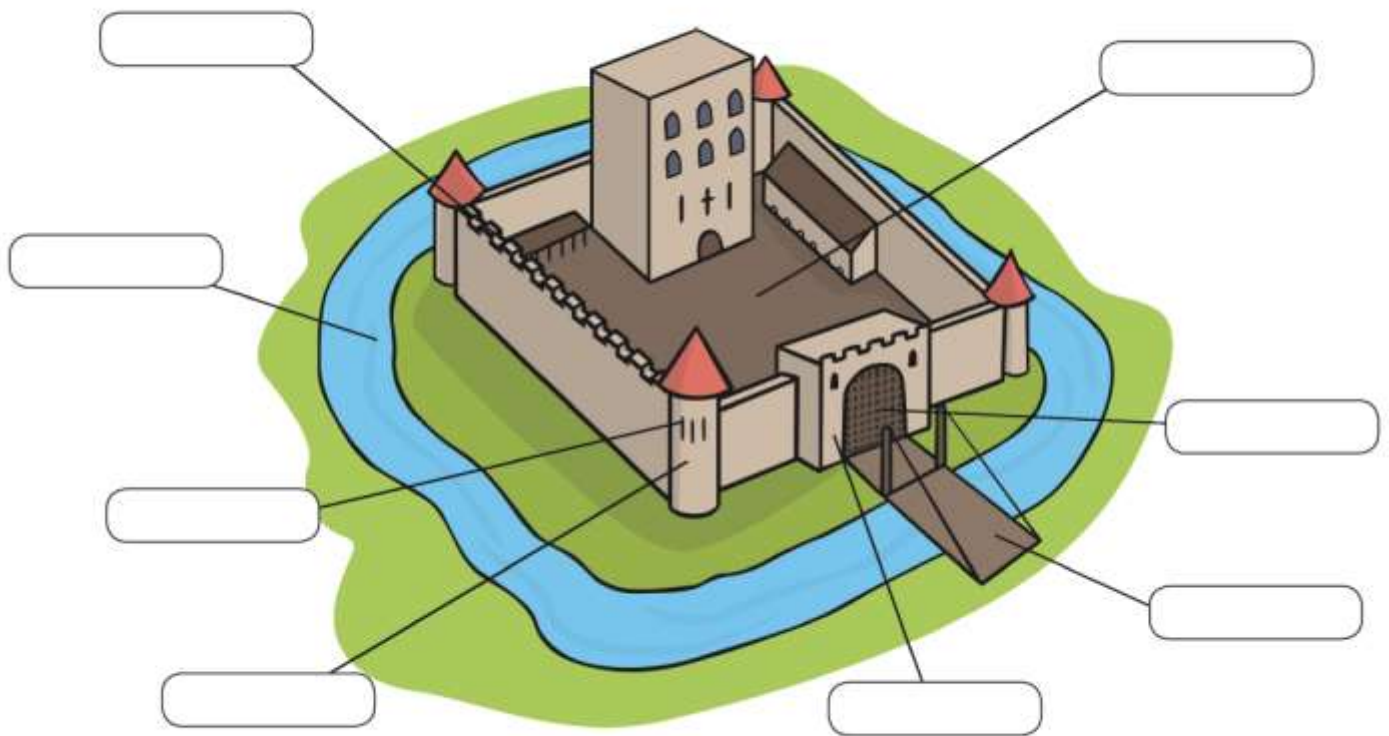


Reading for Meaning 1

Use the information in the pack, and the word map, to label the different parts of this castle picture from Twinkl.

Challenge – Can you add in any extra labels of your own?

Parts of a Castle



Reading for Meaning 2

The second page in the pack describes what life in a castle was like.

- There was no running water
- There was no electricity
- There were no phones, computers, televisions etc

Make two columns in your book

Make a list of the differences between living in a castle and living in a modern home

An example has been done for you

Life in a Castle	Life in a Modern Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was dark. There were only small holes in the walls for firing arrows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They are lighter. Modern houses have bigger windows and glass to let light through

Reading Challenge

Look at your lists above. If you haven't already, compare the following:

- Keeping clean
- Cooking
- How time was used
- The different jobs people would do
- Food
- Keeping safe
- How people spent their time



Castle Composition

- Design and draw your own castle
- Describe it using as many proper castle words as possible