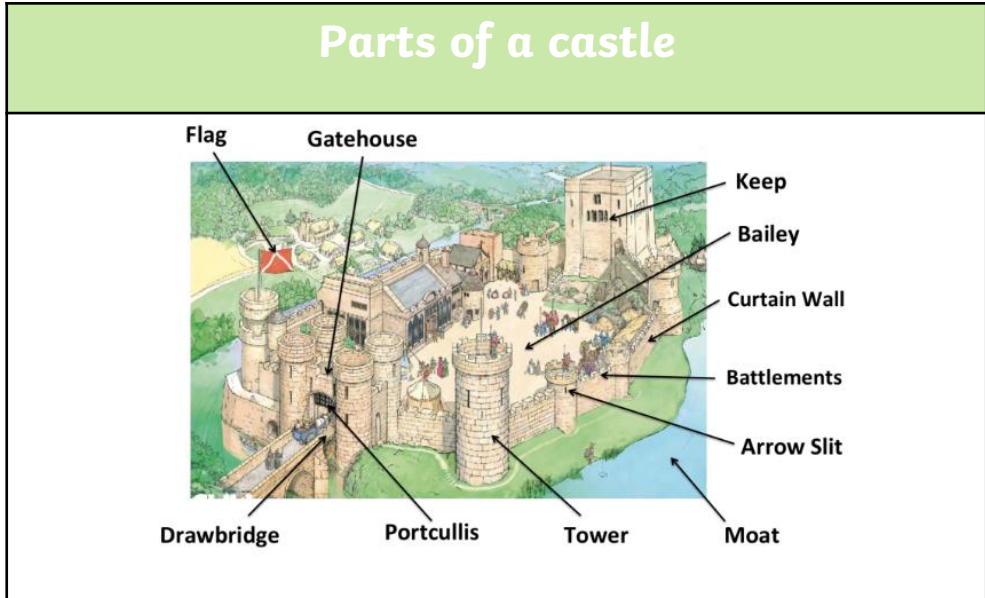


Key Vocabulary

Medieval	Refers to the Middle Ages
Castle	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
Tower	A tall narrow building forming part of a castle.
Barbican	Part of the outer defence of a castle. Used to help defend a gateway into a castle.
Drawbridge	A bridge, which can be raised and lowered, often found over a castle's moat.
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water.
Turret	A small narrow tower on top of a building or a larger tower.
Battlements	Found at the top of a castle's walls, with openings to shoot through and raised sections for protection.
Arrow loop	A narrow vertical slit in a castle wall from which arrows could be fired.
Ambush	A surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position.



Castles in Cornwall



St. Michael's Mount



Pendennis Castle

Examples of castles in the UK



Warwick Castle



Enniskillen Castle, Northern Ireland



Edinburgh Castle



Caernarfon Castle, Wales

DID YOU KNOW?

Towers and turrets were perfect for guards to keep watch.

Castles often had tall towers and turrets, which offered vantage points for guards to keep watch.

Turrets were also used for storing supplies or as lookout points during battles.



Why Were Castles Built?

Castles were built to:

- Control the surrounding area
- Defend against enemy attack
- Launch weapons to attack enemies

Oracy Focus

Do we still need castles today?

Why were castles built?

What is inside a castle?