

Why were castles built?

Castles were built to:

- control the surrounding area
- defend against enemy attack
- launch weapons to attack enemies

Key Knowledge

Know why we have castles and what they were for.

Know how castles were needed to protect people.

Place castles on a timeline.

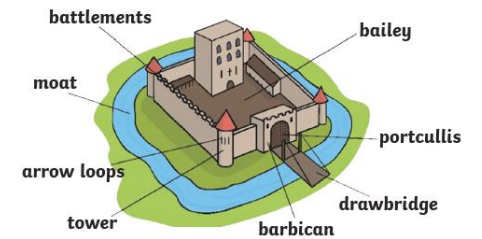
Understand the special features of a castle.

Explain why there are so many castles in the UK.

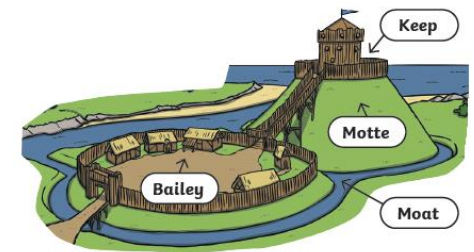
Vocabulary

Castle	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
Arrow loop	A narrow vertical slit in a castle wall from which arrows could be fired.
Barbican	Part of the outer defence of a castle. Used to help defend a gateway into a castle.
Battlements	Found at the top of a castle's walls, with openings to shoot through and raised sections for protection.
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.
Tower	A tall narrow building forming part of a castle.
Portcullis	A strong, heavy spiked barrier that can be lowered to block an entrance.

Parts of a castle



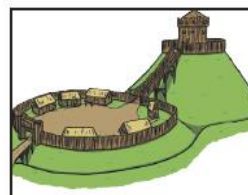
Motte and Bailey Castle



Timeline

The way that castles were built and the materials that were used changed over time.

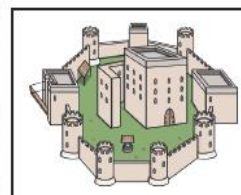
This timeline shows some of the different styles of castles from the earliest to be built, to the most recent.



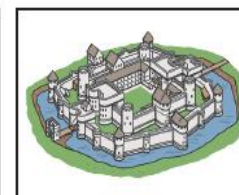
motte and bailey castle built from wood



stone keep motte and bailey castle



stone keep castle with stone curtain walls



concentric castle



courtyard castle and moat



fortified manor house