



Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

Haunted Castles in Britain

The idea of real haunted castles is familiar to us through films and literature. But it is not only in fiction that castles have ghosts. It is not really surprising that this should be so considering the bloody history of many of them. Tortures and murders were common things and many dungeons had special places into which prisoners were thrown without food or water and simply forgotten. Although many haunted castles may now welcome visitors in order to pay the bills, this has done very little to wipe out the psychic memory of the injustices (несправедливости) committed within their walls.

The Castle of Mey was built in the 16th century by George Sinclair, the 4th Earl of Caithness. It is his granddaughter who haunts the castle. The story goes that Elizabeth Sinclair fell in love with a ploughman who worked on a local farm. Her father was horrified that she should mix with a "commoner". So, he imprisoned her in a room at the top of the castle tower to prevent her from seeing him. Some people say that one day she leaned too far out of a window to try and catch a glimpse of her beloved working in the fields and that she fell to her death. Others say that she was so unhappy that she threw herself from the tower window. Whatever the truth is, today the so-called "Green Lady" can sometimes be seen sadly moving around the castle. She is most often observed in the tower room where she was imprisoned.

Leeds Castle in Kent must be one of the most beautiful haunted castles in Britain. The ghost that is said to haunt the castle is a black dog, a curly-haired retriever which appears and disappears within moments, sometimes fading into a wall or passing through a closed door. The dog is associated with death or other misfortune befalling a member of the castle owner's family. This is strange because many years ago a woman was sitting by a window when she saw the dog disappearing into a wall. The woman went to investigate the creature and the window by which she had been sitting collapsed landing on the spot where she had been sitting just moments before. The ghost saved her!

1. There are ghosts in some castles due to evil events of the past.
2. Castle owners invite visitors to help them drive the ghosts away.
3. The more bloody the history of the castle is the more haunted it is.
4. Elizabeth haunts the Castle of Mey because she was very unhappy there.
5. Elizabeth wanted to marry the farmer without her parents' consent.
6. Elizabeth died because her beloved was beheaded.
7. Ghosts can sometimes warn people of the coming danger.
8. The ghost dog pushed the woman out of the window.

