

Life in a medieval castle

Medieval castles were homes and fortresses. Castles were often on the top of hills or rocks. This helped to see enemies.

Parts of the castle

Many castles had thick walls, small windows and high towers. They also had dungeons to keep prisoners in. Many castles had a moat of water. People used a drawbridge to cross the moat. They entered the castle through a big gate.

People in the castle

Many different people lived in the castle. These included the lord and lady of the castle, and their family. Knights, cooks, servants and guards also lived in the castle. Sometimes musicians and acrobats visited the castle and performed shows. Many animals, such as dogs and chickens, lived in the castle, too. The castle was a busy and noisy place.

Daily life in the castle

Inside the castle, there was a fire in every room but it was always dark and cold. The servants prepared food in the kitchen and served it on tables in the Great Hall. The lord of the castle often shared a room with his family. People didn't wash often and they usually dropped rubbish in the moat. For this reason, the castle was also smelly and dirty.



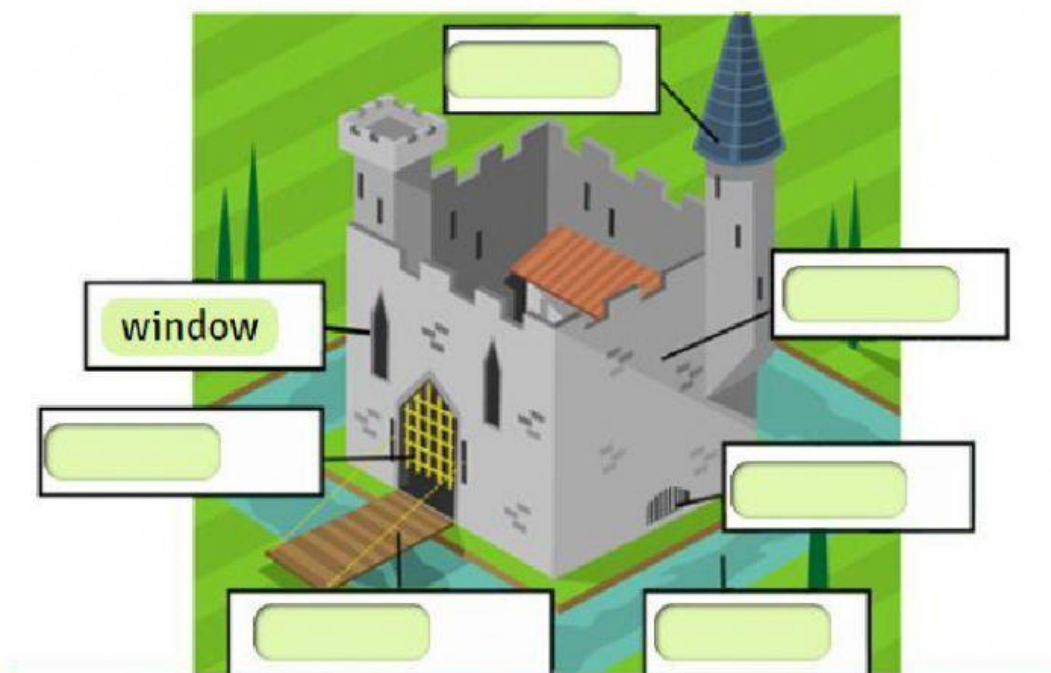
Say if the sentences are **True** or **False**:

1. Castles were often on top of hills or rocks.
2. Many castles had thin walls and big windows.
3. People used a boat to cross the moat.
4. Sometimes the lord and lady performed shows.

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Label each part of the castle:

tower wall drawbridge gate dungeon moat



Connect the questions to the answers:

How did people enter the castle?

Who lived in the castle?

Who sometimes visited the castle?

Where did servants prepare food?

What did people drop in the moat?

The lord and lady and their family,
some knights, cooks, servants...

They prepared it in the kitchen.

Rubbish.

Musicians and acrobats.

Through a big gate.

Listen and complete:

smelly dungeons fun brilliant dirty
moat performed Acrobats dropped wash

	Opinion	Reason
Rosa	difficult	It was dark and cold .
Sita		It had .
Steve		People didn't often.
Joseph		and musicians shows.
Lisa		People rubbish into the .