

A HAUNTED CASTLE

Listen to the story of Portchester Castle and complete the different activities.



Play Complete Part 1 with words from the box:

problem - Heritage - Welcome - there are - because - buildings - hundred - decided - Portsmouth - thousand - south - charity - ghosts - four

Hi, I'm Ned. _____ to Portchester Castle. Portchester Castle is over one _____ seven _____ years old. It's near _____, a city on the _____ coast of England. The castle is part of English_____. English Heritage is a _____, which manages over _____ hundred old _____ and monuments in England.



With so many old buildings, _____ also lots of reports of _____. And ghosts are sometimes a _____ for staff and visitors at English Heritage. In fact, some staff _____ to leave their jobs _____ of the ghosts. I've come here to Portchester to find out more about reports of not one, but four ghosts!



Play Complete the missing words in Part 2. The first letter is given:

And m_____ of the ghosts come from different t_____ in Portchester's long h_____. Portchester Castle dates back to Roman Britain; the Romans built the o_____ castle here in the year two hundred and n_____. The first ghost report also comes from Roman times. V_____ report that they see the ghost of a Roman soldier guarding the walls, but they say they d_____ feel frightened.

In the Middle Ages, Portchester became a f_____ castle for the kings and queens of England. During this time, a small monastery was built. There's a church here now in p_____ of the monastery. People say that they see a man dressed in b_____ here and they think he is the ghost of a monk from the monastery.



Surprisingly, p_____ don't feel frightened when they see him. They say that he disappears when they l_____ at him.

Our first two ghosts are not frightening, but the n_____ ghost really frightens people: The White Lady.



Play Part 3. Organize the words to make sentences:

a. that / Some / believe / this / White. / is / of / people / ghost / the / Charlotte

b. visited / in / nineteenth / woman / a / She / who / century. / the / the / castle / was

c. baby / into / Charlotte's / fell / and / poor / also / child. / water / when / save / Charlotte / the / she / tried / died / to / her



Play Part 4. Number the sentences in the order you hear them.

_____ Both castle visitors and staff members say that they see him.

_____ I was quite sure I didn't believe in ghosts before I came here, but, after a day at Portchester, I'm not so sure.

_____ It started to come towards me and I screamed and ran away."

_____ One of the staff who saw the ghost said, "It got bigger and bigger.

_____ One of the strange things about the man on the horse is that we don't know who he is or which part of Portchester's long history he is from.

_____ one visitor even heard the sound of horses on a video he filmed.

_____ People also say they hear the sound of horses;

_____ The most frightening ghost of all is a man on a black horse.

