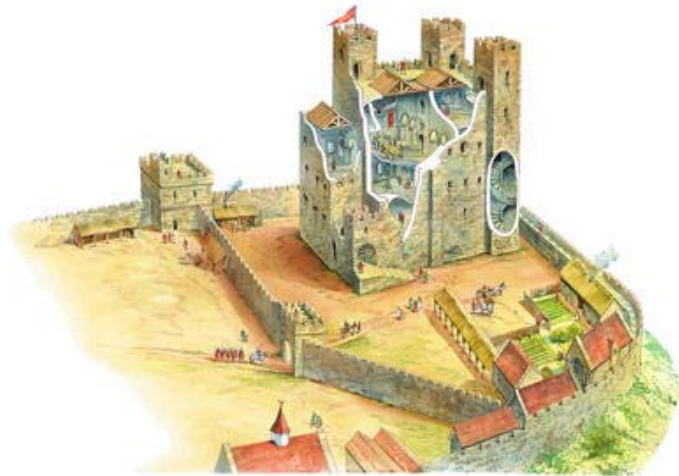

PALACES & CASTLES



- Castles were built for wealthy people to live in.
- As so many wealthy people lived in castles, there were usually lots of lovely things that people wanted to steal.
- Sometimes enemies wanted the whole castle!
- Because of this, it was very important that castles were protected against enemies.

Let's find out more about parts of the castles that we would be able to see in Scotland!

Then try the quiz on page 8!

LINLITHGOW PALACE

Can you spot ?

The bailey

It was a courtyard in the middle of the castle. It was a large piece of open ground.

Arrow loops, or slits,

They were used to defend the castle from invaders. These narrow slits were cut into the stone walls and used to shoot arrows through. The flying arrows would come as a big surprise to the invaders down below!



STIRLING CASTLE

Can you spot ?

The gatehouse

The gatehouse was a strong building built over the gateway.

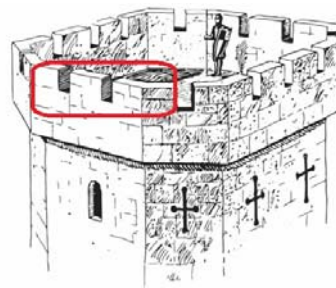
The barbican

The barbican was a wall which jutted out around the gateway or might be like a tower. Its main job was to add strength to the gatehouse.

The battlement

Battlements were basically small defensive walls at the top of a castles main walls with gaps to fire arrows through.

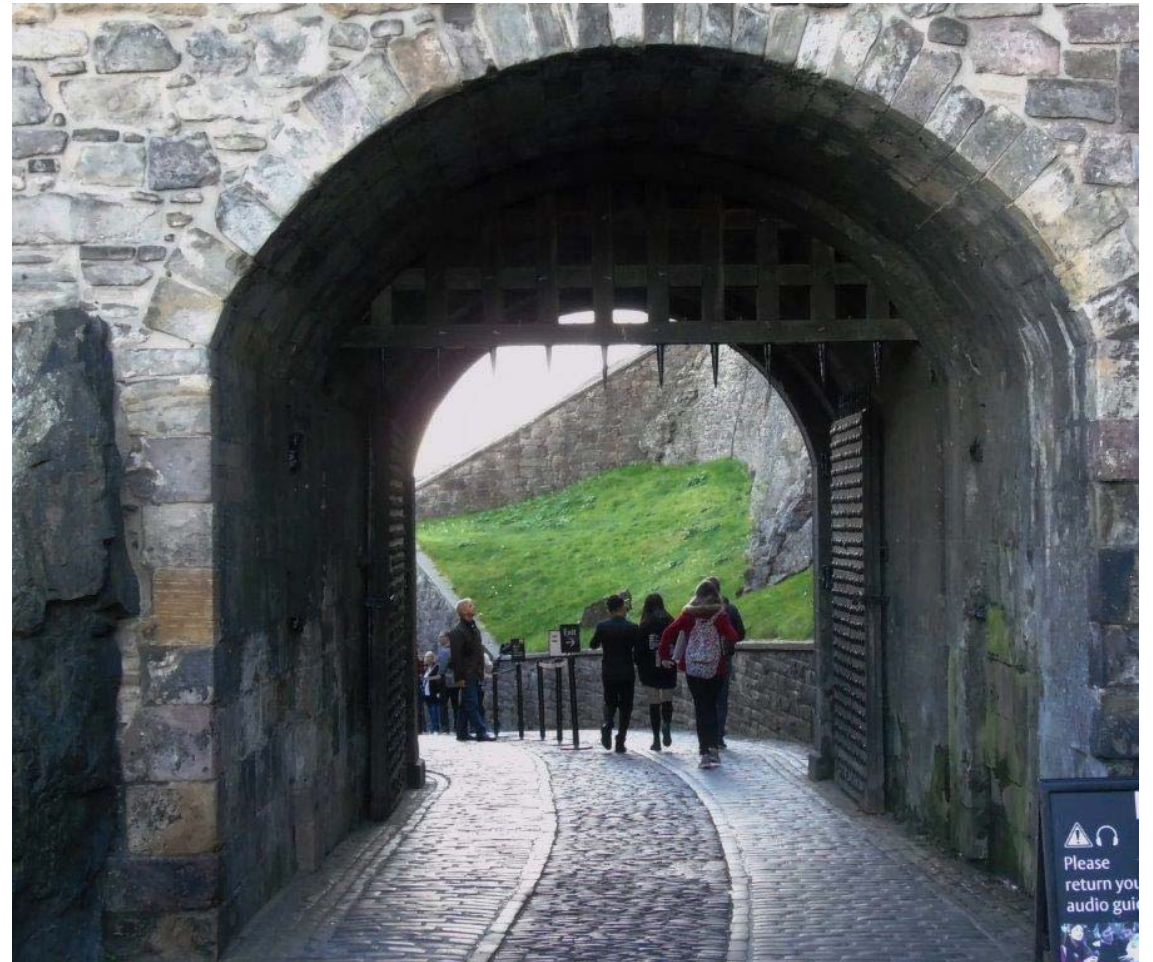
Linlithgow Palace



EDINBURGH CASTLE

The portcullis

A portcullis is a heavy gate that was lowered down by chains from above the gateway. It comes from a French words 'porte coulissante,' which means sliding door.



DIRLETON CASTLE

Murder Holes

They are holes or gaps above a castle's doorway to drop things on anyone trying to come in uninvited.

Dirleton Castle is a medieval fortress in the village of Dirleton, East Lothian, Scotland.



BLACKNESS CASTLE



The **keep** is the main building built within a castle which was used as a place to live.

The **castle turrets** are curved rooms that are built into a building. They were used to see far across the land to warn them when enemies were coming. **Towers** start at the ground. **Turrets** are sometimes on top of towers.

EILEAN DONAN CASTLE



HUNTINGTOWER CASTLE



STIRLING CASTLE – above

Not much of how castles were decorated remains. Huntingtower Castle does have some painted ceilings. It is thought Mary Queen of Scots stayed here one time too.

More about inside a castle can be watched here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZ0nk-eEakQ&t=212s>
Inside a medieval castle | History - Secrets of the Castle



Castles had large tapestries- pictures made from weaving wool, like a rug hung on walls.

Stirling Castle has decorated rooms to show what they think it would have looked like.

CAERLAVEROCK CASTLE

Can you spot ?

The Moat

The moat was a deep and wide ditch that surrounded the castle to protect against enemies. The moat was usually filled with water which was one of the reasons why most castles were built near a water source such as a river. This is **Caerlaverock Castle**. It is in Dumfries.



THE CASTLE OF MEY

The garden was very important. They would grow their own food- herbs, vegetables, fruit, and flowers.

Herbs and flowers might have been used to keep the toilet area smelling better.

Watch a little bit of this clip on youtube to give you an idea of working in castle gardens

The Restored Kitchen Garden at Dundurn Castle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RnWxSi2XCo>

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If you are interested for more about how they are built you might like to watch this clip
How were castles built / constructed in the medieval period? (Youtube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pu3O70GeQFY>

THE QUIZ! Choose one answer!

What are the holes or gaps above a castle's doorway?

- 1) Windows
- 2) Murder holes
- 3) Holes made by mice

What do you call the heavy gate that slides down?

1. The gatehouse
2. A portcullis
3. A barbican

Why might a castle be built near water?

1. For the knights use speed boats
2. To put water in the moat
3. For princesses to do swimming lessons

The bailey

1. was the bit on top of the castle to shoot from
2. was the gate
3. was an open area

Turrets would be use for...

1. Princesses to grow their hair
2. To put water in the moat
3. For princesses to do swimming lessons

Castles would have ...

1. Been all grey brick inside
2. Decoration with paint and rugs
3. Posters on the wall and lots of photographs