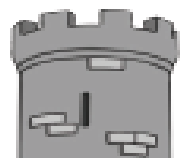


# Castles



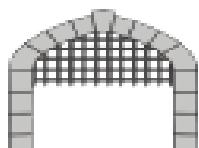
A castle is a large building fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers and in many cases a moat.



Motte and Bailey



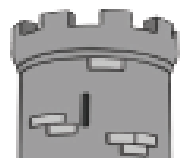
These castles were built first because they were quick and cheap to build. They were made out of wood.



Keep and Bailey



These castles took longer to build because they were made out of stone. Some of them are still around today, including Windsor Castle and the Tower of London.



## Roles in the castle:

- The Lord and Lady of the castle – The owner was the most important person in a castle.
- The Soldiers – These were the people trained to defend the castle.
- The Servants – All the housework was done by hand, so castles were full of servants to do the cleaning.
- The Cook – The cook had to make the meals for everyone living in the castle.
- The Musician – The musicians would entertain the Lord, Lady and guests at big feasts.
- The Gong Farmer – There were no flushing loos in medieval times. The gong-farmer moved the poo from the cesspit to a field.

## Vocabulary:

Arrow Loops - narrow openings inside walls and towers.

Bailey - the outer wall of a castle.

Crenels - an indentation in the battlement.

Curtain Wall - a fortified wall around a castle.

Drawbridge - a bridge that can be lowered or raised to enter and exit a castle

Merlons - the solid part between two crenels.

Moat - a deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle.

Portcullis - a strong, heavy grating that can be lowered.

Turret - a small tower built on a castle.

