

Step Inside ORFORD CASTLE

I'm King Henry II
and I built
Orford Castle to
defend this coast.





Water was very important. If we were being attacked then no-one could leave the castle to get any water so we had to make sure we could get water from inside the keep.

Where did we get water from?

Tick the box.

- Hosepipe
- Collected rainwater
- Taps
- A well
- Bottles of mineral water



Once we had drunk all the water we would have to go to the toilet! We used 'garderobes'. If you look as you go around the castle you will see some of these in little rooms in one of the turrets.

When you go outside you can find where these drained to. **Can you find this.** Imagine the smelly job of taking all the waste away - yech!



Defend the castle!

Can you find the parts of the castle that helped us to defend it?
Draw a line from each red box to the different part of the castle.



Crenels

Places to get a good view

Spiral staircase

Arrow slits

A circular shaped tower

A batter or sloping bit of wall so missiles would bounce off

A door that is difficult to get into

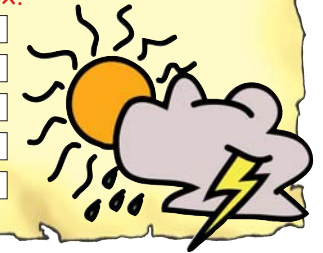


If the weather is good you can see a long way from the roof. If anyone wanted to attack the castle would they have been able to sneak up on a sunny day?

Have a look and find out. Decide what the weather is like. Today the weather is:

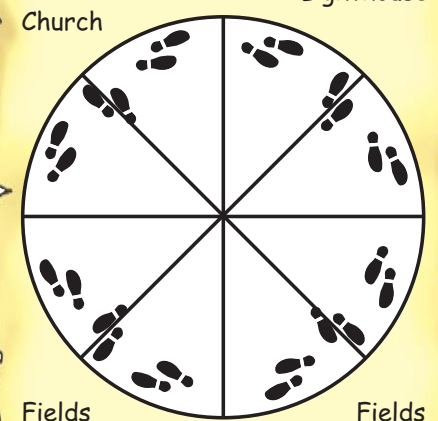
Tick the box.

- sunny
- cloudy
- wet
- foggy
- windy



Walk around the roof and **colour in parts of the circle** to show how much you can see from the roof.

Lighthouse



Would today have been a good day to attack the castle?



You can see from the picture that there were lots of rooms for people to stay in. If an important person stayed (like the king!) they would have the warmest room. **See if you can find this room as you go around the castle.** (Clue - the warmest rooms were behind chimneys and fireplaces)



Important people had rooms that were painted with pictures and patterns. These have worn away now. What picture or pattern do you think the King would have liked?

Draw your idea here.

