



# CASTLES

Top things to look out for on a visit to our castles!



Tick the empty boxes as you go!



## 1 GATEHOUSE

The gatehouse is at the entrance to a castle. Castles sometimes needed to be well defended, so gatehouses often had a drawbridge that could be raised in an attack, and they helped control who could enter the castle.

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## 2 KEEP

The keep was sometimes built on a mound of earth or 'motte'. Most castle keeps had luxurious rooms for the castle lord (or even the King!) and were often also used as a prison.

📍 See me at: [Scarborough Castle](#)



## 3 ARROW LOOPS

These narrow windows were cleverly designed so that archers could shoot their arrows out at anyone attacking the castle, while staying safely behind the stone walls around the slit.

📍 See me at: [Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Gardens](#)

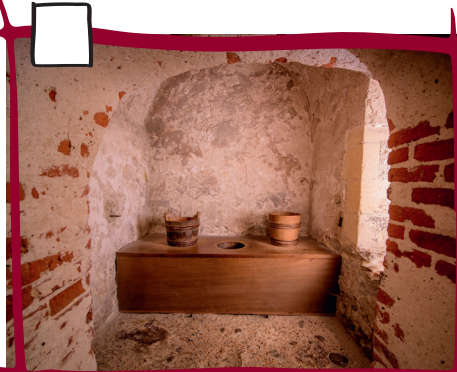


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**4 WELL**  
Many medieval castles had a well. It was easier to get water from a well than walking down to the river – especially during a siege! Water was needed for cooking, cleaning, washing, brewing beer and baking, and was given to the knights' horses for drinking.

📍 See me at: **Old Sarum**



**5 GARDEROBE**  
A garderobe is a medieval toilet. It had a wooden seat which was often over a chute in the wall. People would sit on or squat over the seat, and their waste would drop down the chute into a pit at the bottom, or outside the building.

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**6 CURTAIN WALL**  
The curtain walls were an important part of the defences of a medieval castle. They were built very high to make them impressive and hard to climb over. Curtain walls had battlements and often there was a walkway around the top of the walls.

📍 See me at: **Framlingham Castle**



**7 MOAT**  
While moats were an important part of castle defences, they were a decorative feature too! Adding a moat around the edge of a castle made it look impressive and beautiful to visitors. What do you think?

📍 See me at: **Pevensey Castle**



**8 WALL WALK**  
This walkway around the top of the castle walls allowed troops at the castle to see any attackers for miles around. At some of our castles you can still walk around at the top of the walls – do you think you could spot an enemy approaching?

📍 See me at: **Carisbrooke Castle**

