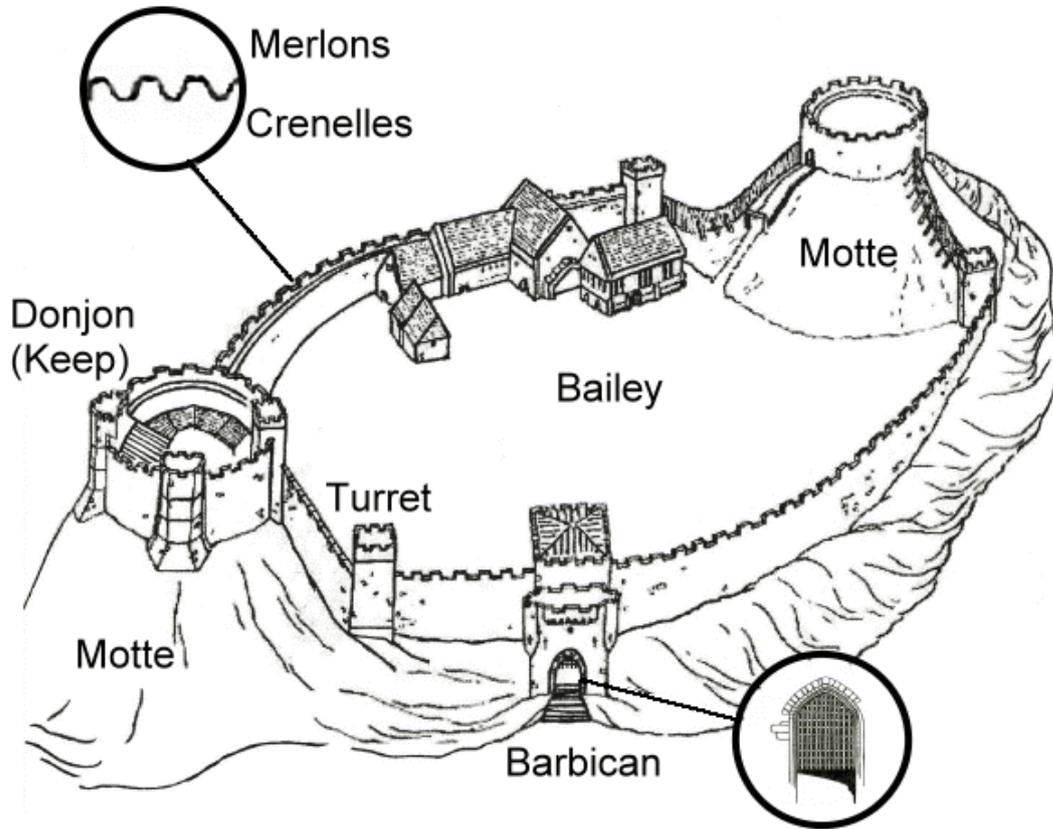


Test your knowledge!

Label the Map



Keep, Motte, Barbican, Norman Gatehouse, Bailey

Draw Put an X to show where YOU are standing. Shade in on the drawing the parts of the castle you can still see today. Label the map by drawing a line from each word on the list to the correct place on the map.

QUIZ

Can you remember what these things are? You may have noticed them or read about them as you looked around the castle

Gongfermor

Merlons

Machicolations

Garderobe

Merlons,

Crenelles

Moat

Welcome to Lewes Castle!

This booklet will help you to find out about Lewes Castle and how it was built, used and defended.

Each page is about a different part of the castle. You can do the pages in any order you like.

If you run out of space for anything or want to make notes or sketches there are some blank pages at the back.

Enjoy your visit!

Castle Curtains

Walk to the end of the garden, furthest away from the entrance.

Look up at the wall in front of you. This is part of the curtain wall which once surrounded the whole of Lewes Castle. Imagine walking along the top of it!

Touch part of the wall (careful not to tread on the flowers!)

How high do you think it is?.....

What does it feel like?.....

What is it made from?.....

Why do you think it was made from this material?

Because it is.....

Strong Hard Looks good Sharp Light

Cheap Plentiful Local

Where you are standing there was once a moat to protect the wall. What is a moat?.....

Usually moats are filled with water. At Lewes Castle the moat was dry because water would soak through the chalky soil.

Do you think a dry moat would protect the castle? Why?

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Fun to be had in the Barbican Tower

On your way up or down to the Keep,
cross the bridge to the Barbican tower
and have some fun.....

- Dress up in a costume and act out a Medieval story
- Build a castle wall with a Medieval crane
- Aim a Crossbow

What Motte?

Look at the model in the garden. Climb the steps up to the benches near the top. The hill you have just climbed is the motte.

Do you think the motte is a natural hill or was it built with the castle?
Why do you think that?

Lewes Castle is very unusual because it had 2 mottes. Look for the second motte.
Can you see it?

The flat area between the 2 mottes is the bailey. This was a very important part of the castle. What do you think it was used for?

Below is a list of jobs and places that may have been found in the bailey and a list of job titles – can you link the jobs to the job titles by drawing a line between the two?

Workshops
Hunting
Growing food
Stables
Making weapons
Forge
Chapel
Kitchens
Preparing leather
Building work
Arrow making
Candle maker

Gardener
Farrier
Blacksmith
Mason
Fletcher
Cook
Tanner
Armourer
Chandler
Priest
Hunter
Weaver

Do you know anyone with these names? Perhaps you can think of other names which may link to a traditional occupation

Fletcher, Baker, Smith, Walker, Hunter, Baker, Mason

Clues in the Keep

Climb up to the top of the steps and stand by the tree in the middle of the lawn

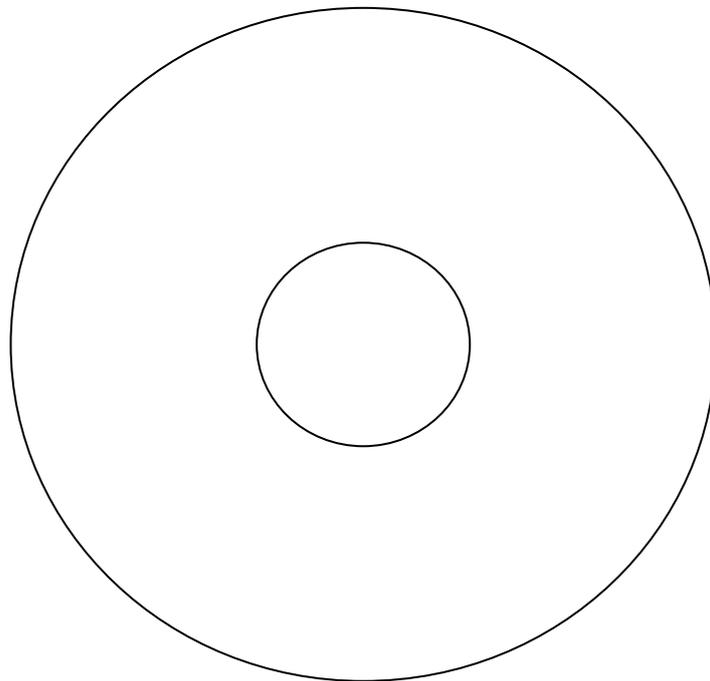
Look all around you. This is the shell keep. In Medieval times there were buildings which leant against the walls you can see now

Can you see any clues around the keep to tell you where the buildings were?

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Which rooms do you think were here?

Draw and label
The clues you
have found on
this plan



If the castle was under attack everyone would come up to the keep.

What would they have needed with them?.....

Why is the keep a good place to defend yourself from enemies?

It's high up It's round It can be seen from miles around

It's near the sea It has high walls and towers

You can see your enemies approaching

Tower Power

Go inside the tower with the flag flying from the top. Carefully climb the spiral stairs to the second floor.

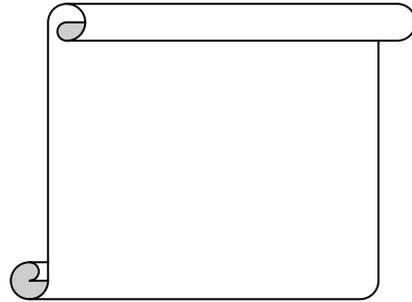
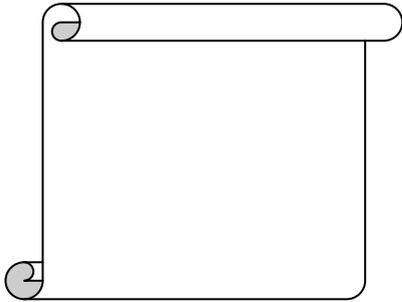
What are the tower rooms like?

warm cold damp freezing gloomy bright

bright spacious cramped

The towers were the last place to hide if the castle was under attack. Try to imagine what it would have been like to spend time in the tower rooms in Medieval times

Look at the windows, which would be best for defence? Draw both types of window below:



Did You Know? In Medieval times glass was so precious that if you moved to another castle, you took your windows with you!

Climb to the top of the tower and look at the view.

What can you see that was also there in Medieval times?

Why do you think that the castle was built right here?

There are lots of reasons - list as many as you can

Imagine a group of people approaching the castle, would you be able to tell if they were friend or foe? How would an enemy approach the castle so that they stayed out of sight?

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Arch Enemies

Walk up the path to the gateways.

The two archways have survived for hundreds of years because they are made from stone and flint, but what is missing now and why?.....

Imagine you are visiting the castle in Medieval times. How would you have entered through the gates? The first gate called the Barbican has some interesting devices for attacking intruders from above! Once through the first gate, how would you pass through the second gateway?

Look very carefully at the Barbican. There are lots of clues to show what was once used to protect it. Draw any of the clues you can find:

Tick the boxes for the things that you have drawn and draw a line to match your drawings to the right boxes.

A gate on iron hinges

Arrow loop windows for firing out of

A projecting gallery at the top with supporting arches known as machicolations

Holes for dropping things down onto your enemies (also known as murder holes)

A drawbridge

A portcullis

A moat

How would you attack the castle?