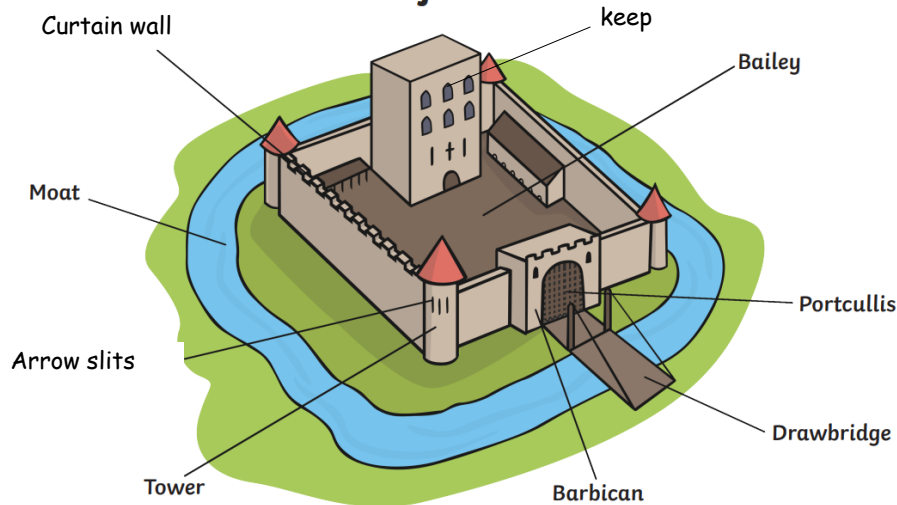


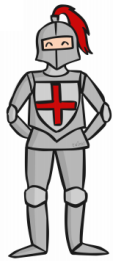
Knights and Castles

Parts of a Castle



Keep	The heart of a castle. It is a tower that people lived in.
Curtain wall	The large wall surrounding the bailey. It had battlements on top which were used for spying on enemies.
Bailey	The inner courtyard in the middle of the castle.
Barbican	A section of wall which was used to strengthen the gate.
Portcullis	A heavy gate made of metal which could be closed to stop people from getting in.
Drawbridge	A bridge across the moat which could be lifted to stop people getting in.
Moat	A large ditch around the outside of the castle which was filled with water.
Arrow slits	Thin windows high up on the towers which were used to shoot arrows at enemies.
Tower	A tall building which was used for lookout and defence.

Who lived in a castle?



Knight



Queen/Lady



Do we still have knights today?

To earn a knighthood in Medieval times you had to show that you were brave, loyal and a good fighter as you would need to protect people. Only men could become knights.



Jester



King/Lord



Today Queen Elizabeth II has the power to give people knighthoods. These are given to people who are outstanding in their field, such as sports people or television personalities. When men become a knight they earn the title of Sir. Nowadays women can be made a Dame which is the same as being knighted.