

Castle Cross-section Questions

1. What was the keep?

2. How many places in the castle is food or drink stored? Why might this be?

3. What did the chimneys do?

4. What was the solar?

5. How did they preserve meat?

6. What was the forge used for?

7. What does the word *oubliette* mean?

8. What invention made castles much less effective? When did this happen and why?

9. Why were there overhangs at the top of the castle walls?

10. The moat prevented attack in two ways. What were they?

11. Which way did the spiral stairs rise? Why?

12. Why did the castle need its own supply of water?

13. What might the two soldiers with the cauldron be doing?

14. What is a garderobe? How many can you see in this castle?

15. What is a cesspit?

16. Why were castles cold places until the 15th century?

17. What did the noble family do in the chapel?

18. How did the water from the well get brought up?

19. What happened in the great hall?

20. What weapons are in the castle guards' room?

21. How did the guards stay warm?

22. What are cannons and when did people start using them?

23. Why were castles thicker at the bottom?

24. How long **do you think** would it take for the food to get from the kitchen to the great hall?

25. What did the bailiff do?

26. Write a short story featuring one of the people who live in the castle.

Story ideas: You are a guard and the castle is being attacked, You are a cook and have been ordered to prepare a feast, you look after the horses in the stables, you are the Jester who entertains the Nobles, you are a noble woman about to be married.
