



Do dragons exist?

Castles:

Castles are a type of home. The people who lived in castles were usually kings, queens or lords and their families.



Who else lived in a castle?

There would also be soldiers, cooks, cleaners and other people who lived inside and helped to look after and protect the king, queen or lord.

Where were castles located?

Lots of castles were built on top of hills. This is because it was hard for enemies to run up steep hills to get to the castle. It also gave the people in the castle an excellent view and meant that they could spot enemies a long way off.



Mont-Saint-Michel, France



Castle animals:

Animals that lived in castles included horses, dogs, birds of prey including hawks and kestrels, chickens, sheep and pigs.

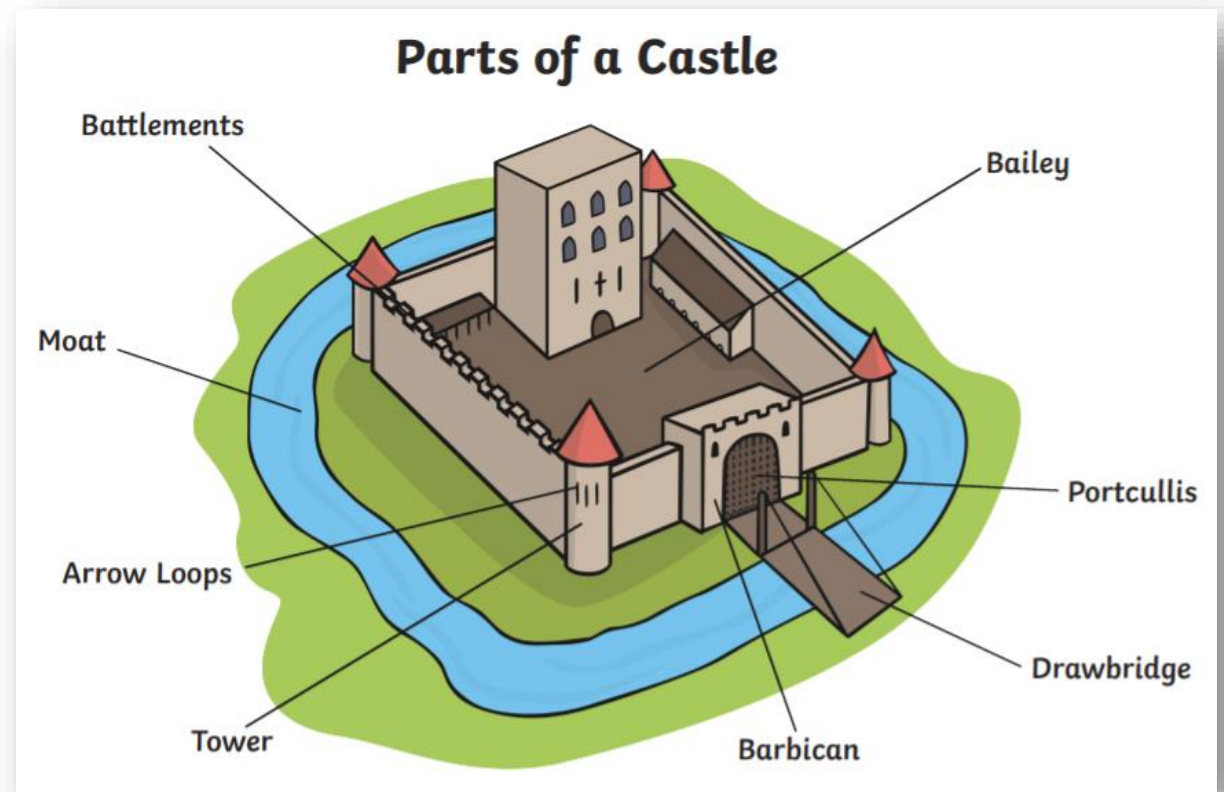
Famous castles:

- Eltz Castle, Germany
- Bran Castle, Romania
- Windsor Castle, England
- Edinburgh Castle, Scotland



Glossary:

- **Moats** - water that surrounded the castle. This made it hard for people to attack the castle.
- **Turrets** - small towers built on top of a tower or wall in a castle.
- **Drawbridge** - lots of castles had a bridge over the moat, that led to the entrance. The drawbridge could be pulled up to stop enemies from getting across the water and reaching the castle.
- **Lord** - a person having power and authority over others.
- **Knight** - someone born of the nobility and trained to fight, usually in heavy metal armour.



What is a dragon?

A dragon is a large mythical creature, depicted in the stories of various countries around the world. Although the depictions vary, most describe an incredibly large, scaly reptile that is evil and destructive in nature. They are thought to breathe fire and have wings, and resemble a large lizard or snake.

