



# Discover Portencross Castle

## Round the Castle

**Learning outcomes:** I will be able to identify the purposes of parts of a medieval castle.

Can you match the different parts that make up a castle to their use?  
 With a partner, look at the label word in column 1 (Part of castle).  
 Choose a description which fits the label from column 2 (Description).  
 Choose the correct use from the phrases in column 3 (Purpose).  
 When you have everything right, the part of the castle, description and purpose will become complete sentences.

Use your reference books or the internet to find out about these places in the castle.  
 Work with a partner or in a group.

PART OF CASTLE	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE
A portcullis is	a deep, wide trench around the castle	where weapons are fired at the enemy.
A dungeon is	a high wall	which can be raised or lowered to permit or prevent entry.
A keep is	an open space in the castle wall	and the most secure place in the castle.
A drawbridge is	a tower	which protects the castle.
A barbican is	a platform over the moat	situated underground.
A battlement is	a gate of iron bars	usually filled with water.
A rampart is	a dark prison	at the gate or bridge.
A moat is	the top of a rampart	which slides up and down to prevent access.

