






## Castles Vocabulary Guide

	Word	Definition
	battlements	A protective, tooth shaped wall with gaps. The raised sections helped to shelter the defenders during an enemy attack.
	portcullis	A heavy iron gate that can be lowered to prevent people entering.
	turret	A little tower often at the corner of a castle.
	keep	The keep is a tall building inside the castle walls, usually a tower. If anyone attacked the castle, people could hide in the keep and stay safe.
	drawbridge	A bridge that can move up and down to let people in and out of a castle.



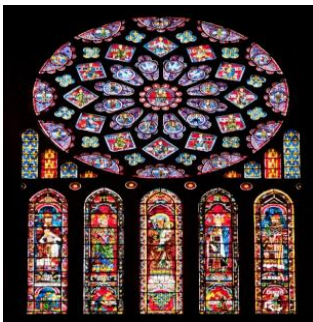
arrow slits

Arrow slits are narrow openings or crosses set inside walls and towers. These allowed defenders to shoot arrows at attackers who were outside the castle walls.



moat

A deep wide ditch around the walls of a castle that is usually filled with water.



stained glass window

A window made of small pieces of coloured glass which are arranged to form patterns or pictures.



knight

A soldier of the Middle Ages who fought on horseback.



banquet

A formal dinner for many people usually to celebrate a special event.