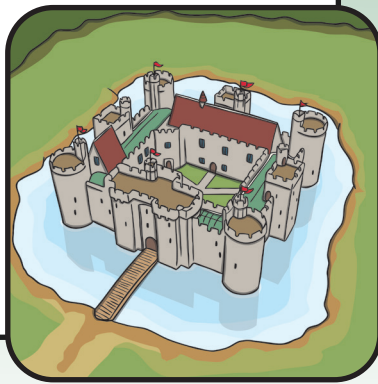


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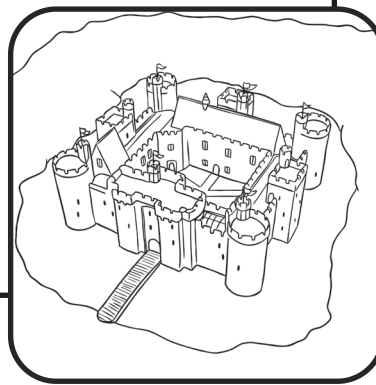
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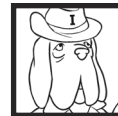
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think a moat made it harder because it meant people couldn't get to the castle without getting in the water, which would have been dangerous.



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