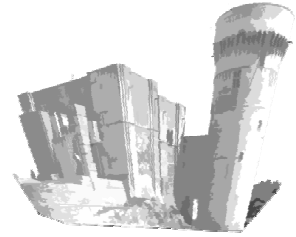


A TRICKY CASTLE QUIZ

WHAT IS ?...



- 1) **What is an arbalester?**
 - a. A crossbow-man.
 - b. A carpenter specialized in catapult crafting.
 - c. A goal keeper in the game of medieval football.

- 2) **What is a drum tower?**
 - a. A high-rise tower designed to send signals to other distant castles.
 - b. A tower that is round.
 - c. A tower built to house the garrison's band.

- 3) **What is a dressed stone?**
 - a. A stone with a lime coating.
 - b. A stone with a skirt on.
 - c. A stone worked into a smooth molded face and used to outline angles, windows, and doors.

- 4) **What is a belfry?**
 - a. A wooden tower mounted on wheels or rollers so that attackers could fight their way across on to the towers or the wall-walks.
 - b. A medieval delicacy based on deep fried boar's ears.
 - c. An alarm bell inside the inner bailey designed to warn the inhabitants of an imminent attack.

- 5) **What is a buttress?**
 - a. The thickening of a wall for strength and support.
 - b. The platform of a drawbridge.
 - c. A rough mattress filled with straw and moss.

- 6) **What is chivalry?**
 - a. The art of preparing a horse for battle.
 - b. A fight between two horses.
 - c. The rules of polite and honourable behaviour that knights were supposed to follow.

- 7) **What are crenels?**
 - a. The commanding officer of a medium-size garrison.
 - b. The lower sections of battlements.
 - c. "To have the crenels": to be scared off by a castle's ghost.

- 8) **What is an escalade?**
 - a. A straight staircase, as opposed to a spiral staircase.
 - b. The assault on a wall or a palisade with scaling ladders.
 - c. A picnic break during a looting expedition.

9) What is a forebuilding?

- a. A projecting defensive work screening the entrance of keep from direct attack.
- b. An architect's plan for building a keep.
- c. A holiday castle made of sand.

10) What is a garderobe?

- a. The special garment a king would wear during a banquet.
- b. A marked coin that guests of a banquet get from the cloakroom when they drop off their garments for the meal.
- c. The latrine, or toilet, and a room used as a wardrobe.

11) What is a gong farmer?

- a. A percussionist peasant.
- b. A farmer subsidized by a lord.
- c. The person who cleans the latrine.

12) What is herringbone masonry?

- a. Stone or brick laid diagonally instead of horizontally.
- b. A very secretive mason's order.
- c. A variety of mortar mixed with fish oil.

13) What is a loophole?

- a. A discreet escape hatch inside a keep.
- b. A vertical slit for air, light, or shooting through.
- c. A large ditch concealed with branches.

14) What is machicolation?

- a. Papier-mâché statues or ornaments inside a Romanesque chapel.
- b. Holes through which defenders could drop or shoot missiles vertically on attackers below.
- c. The dubbing ceremony of a knight.

15) What is a motte?

- a. An artificial or improved natural mound on which castle is built.
- b. A very small dagger.
- c. An extremely incompetent soldier.

16) What are murder holes?

- a. Traps triggering sharp iron spikes inside a fortified gate-house.
- b. Tiny cell where prisoners were left to die.
- c. The openings in the roofs of passageways through which missiles and liquids could be dropped onto attackers.

17) What is a palisade?

- a. A summer palatial-keep.
- b. A wooden fence used for a fortification.
- c. A long and tedious poem in verse sung by a jester.

18) What is a portcullis?

- a. A heavy wooden or iron grille protecting an entrance that is raised and lowered by winches inside the gatehouse.
- b. A medieval cocktail with rum and old boiled red wine.
- c. A small docking harbour on a moat.

19) What is a postern?

- a. A small door or gate often hidden to allow defenders to enter and exit a castle without detection.
- b. A medieval mail delivery service.
- c. A very long spear used by knights for jousting.

20) What is a quarrel?

- a. An arrow for a crossbow.
- b. The place where stones were collected before the construction of a castle.
- c. A very polite and non-offensive war cry.

21) What is a squire?

- a. A medieval squirrel
- b. A trainee knight who served as an assistant to the knight.
- c. A hoop in the game of medieval croquet

22) What is a trebuchet?

- a. A giant siege engine in the form of a boulder-firing catapult.
- b. A mediocre and utterly unfunny jester
- c. A small altar inside a private chapel

23) What is a turret?

- a. A crossbow mounted on a horse
- b. A small tower
- c. A step on the journey of a travelling king's court

24) What is a vault?

- a. A wooden chest where a king keeps his gold bullions
- b. The official document providing a knight with a license to kill
- c. An arched roof usually of stone

25) What is a shell keep?

- a. A great Anglo-Norman square keep
- b. A grazing station for horses
- c. A refuge for a mermaid



Your teacher has all the answers and will be checking them after you've completed the quiz. Count 1 point for every correct answer. Add up your points and see below how you fared :

► **Between 15 and 25 :**

Your days as a training squire are over, you are ready to be dubbed and become an accomplished knight.

► **Between 7 and 14 :**

Not bad at all, but it looks like you'll need a little more practice before you know your way around a castle.

► **Between 0 and 6 :**

It's a tough life living in a castle. Better luck next time!

You'll have seen many of these items during your tour of the keeps. How many did you spot?

Write down the answer here : (your teacher has the correct answer)

Thank you for playing!