

## Life inside the Castle

Tapestries	Embroidered Carpets
Solar	Warmest room in the keep
Minstrels	Travelling musicians
Banquet	A feast held in the great hall
Jester	A clown
Trencher	Stale bread used as a plate
Dungeon	Where prisoners were kept
Great Hall	The room for banquets and where the lord punished people and collected taxes

***Motte and Bailey castles were replaced by stone as the wood burned easily and stone was easier to protect***

Portcullis	An iron grid gate
Battlements	Where soldiers kept look on top of walls
Turrets	A small tower on the outer walls of the castle or on the top of the keep

Motte	A high mound on which a castle was built
The keep	The part of the castle where the lord and lady lived
Bailey	The low ground in front of the motte
Moat	Water around the castle

## Lord of a Castle

My name is John de Lacey. I am a very powerful lord and I own a large amount of land. I have knights and foot soldiers to protect me.

I live in a stone castle in the keep. The solar is the warmest room. The windows are very narrow so there is less chance of attack. There is a drawbridge and a portcullis as you enter and leave my castle. There is a moat running around the outer wall which is full of water.

I enjoy entertaining friends and guests so I hold banquets in the great hall. There are two big fires at each end and tapestries hang on the walls. I have jesters and musicians to entertain me.

I enjoy hunting for deer. It is a good pastime. I act as a judge whenever there is a crime and court is held in the great hall. Prisoners are kept in the dungeons in the basement and serious crimes are punished by death. My greatest fear is that my castle will come under attack. I fear invaders will use battering rams and siege towers to take control of my castle. I fear we might have to surrender if we run out of food.

Banquet in the great hall

