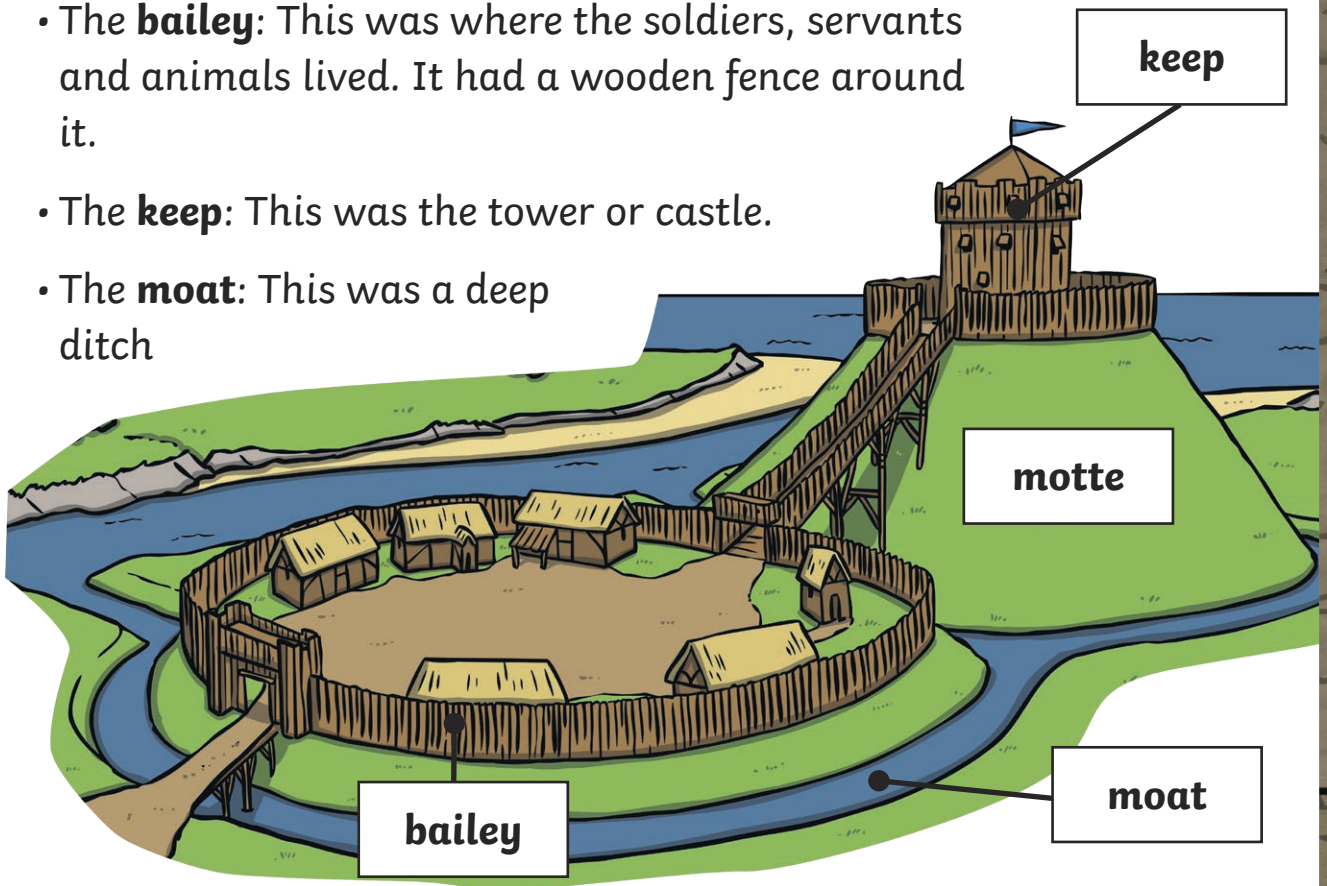


Motte and Bailey Castles

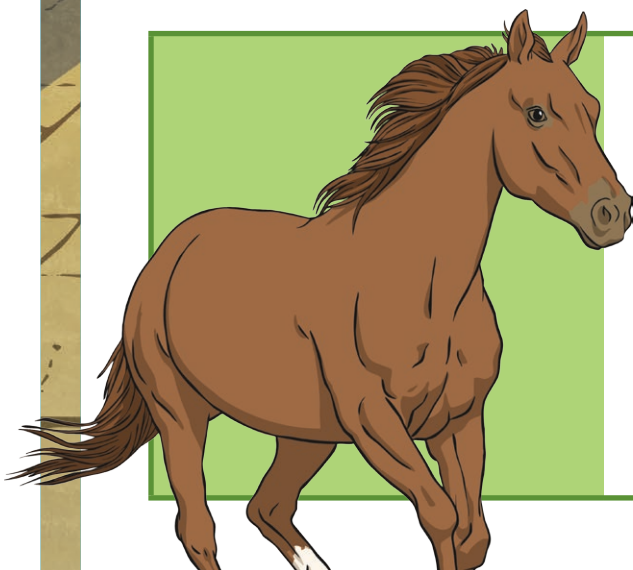
What Is a Motte and Bailey Castle?

- The **motte**: This was a hill with a tower (or 'keep') built on top.
- The **bailey**: This was where the soldiers, servants and animals lived. It had a wooden fence around it.
- The **keep**: This was the tower or castle.
- The **moat**: This was a deep ditch



Who Built Motte and Bailey Castles?

Motte and bailey castles were built in England by the Normans (people who came from France).



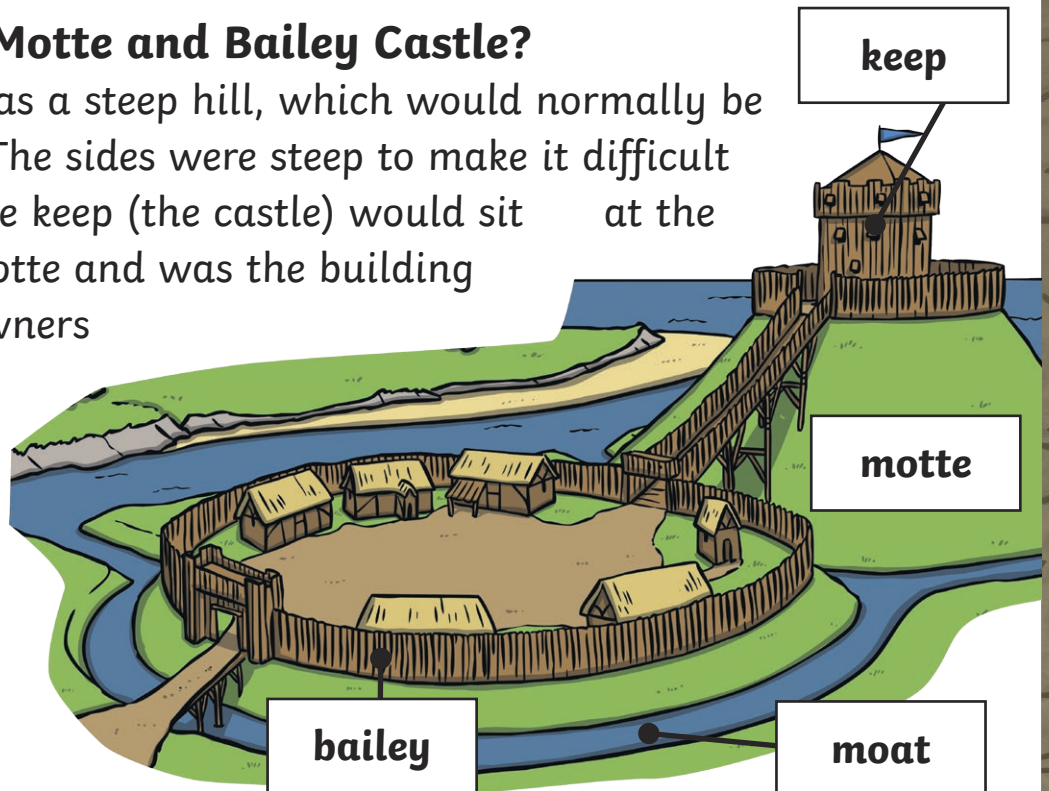
What Else Was in a Motte and Bailey Castle?

- bakeries
- barracks (buildings for soldiers)
- kitchens
- stables for horses

Motte and Bailey Castles

What Is a Motte and Bailey Castle?

The motte was a steep hill, which would normally be man-made. The sides were steep to make it difficult to attack. The keep (the castle) would sit at the top of the motte and was the building where the owners of the castle would live. The bailey was where the soldiers, servants and animals lived. It was



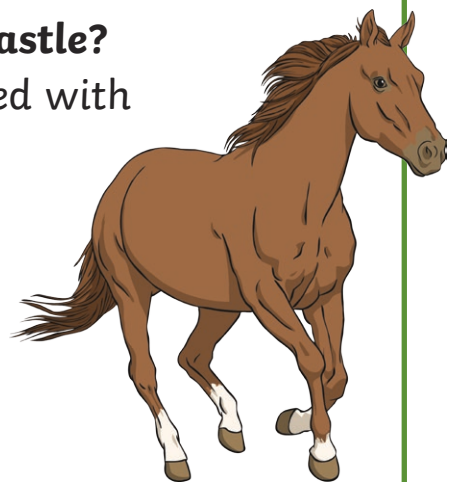
surrounded by a tall, wooden fence. A deep, water-filled moat surrounded the castle to make it even more difficult to attack.

Who Built Motte and Bailey Castles?

Motte and bailey castles were built by the Normans. They began building castles in England after winning the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

What Else Was in a Motte and Bailey Castle?

The space inside the bailey would be filled with houses and buildings such as stables, bakeries and kitchens. The people who lived and worked there would look after those who lived in the keep. There were often barracks for soldiers to live in so that they could protect the castle.

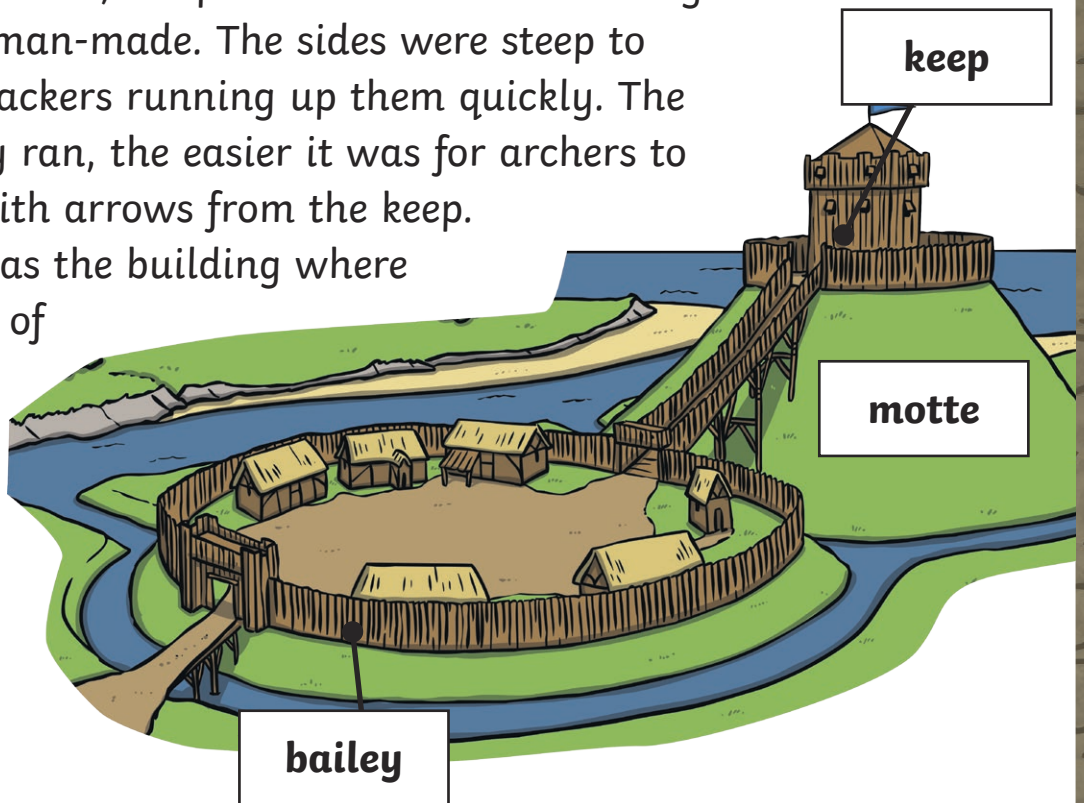


Motte and Bailey Castles

Motte and bailey castles were made up of two main parts. The motte was a tall, steep hill which would usually have been man-made. The sides were steep to prevent attackers running up them quickly. The slower they ran, the easier it was for archers to hit them with arrows from the keep.

The keep was the building where the owners of the castle would live.

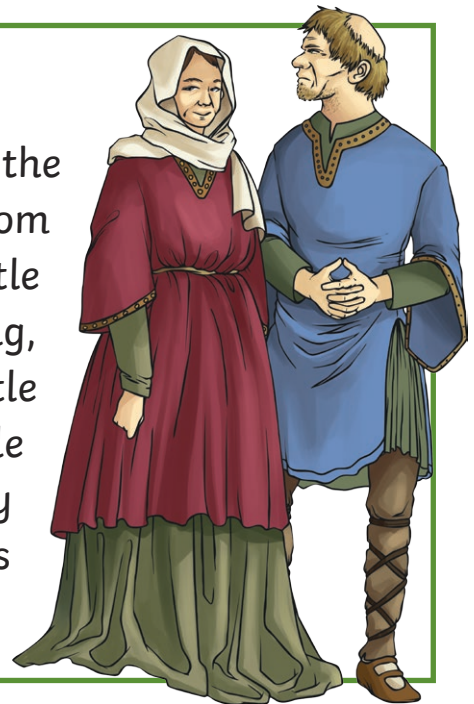
It was the safest place in the castle.



The bailey was open, flat ground surrounded by a tall, wooden fence, often topped with spikes.

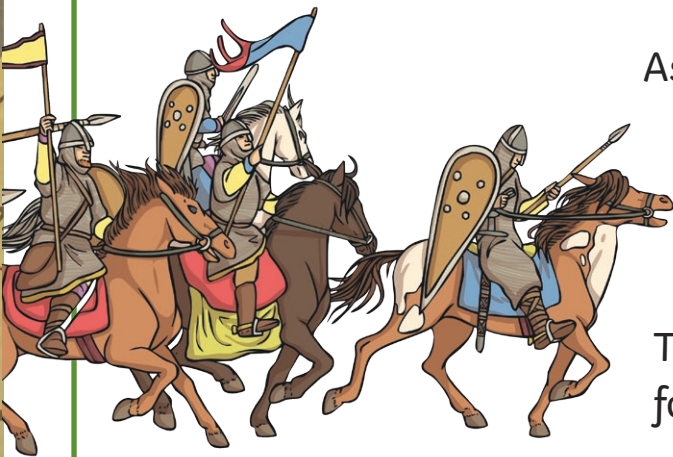
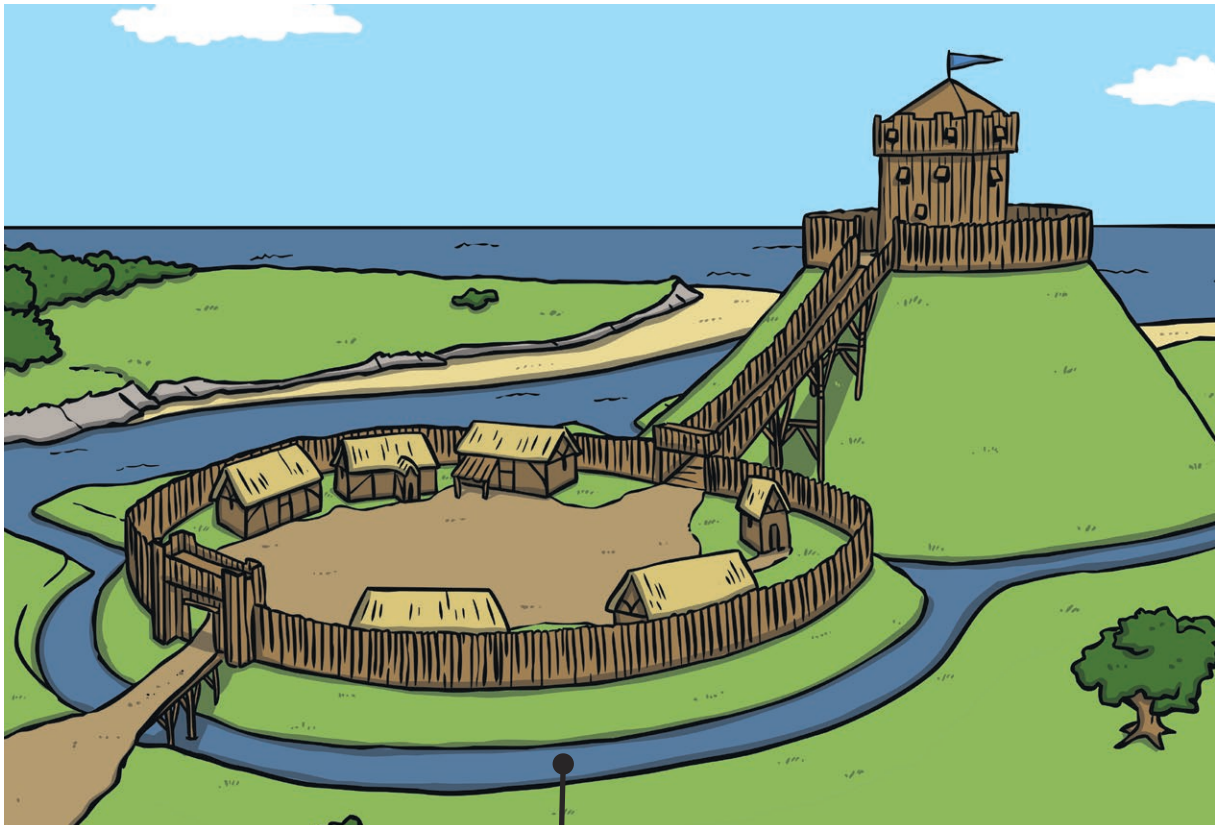
Who Built Motte and Bailey Castles?

Motte and Bailey castles were built by the Normans. They came to England from northern France after they won the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The winning king, William the Conqueror, decided to settle in England and his people came to settle with him. They wanted a way to stay safe in a new country so needed castles that could be built quickly.



What Else Was in a Motte and Bailey Castle?

The space inside the bailey was filled with lots of different buildings. There were barracks for the soldiers to stay in, as well as stables for the horses. The bailey also had kitchens and bakeries.



As well as the motte, bailey and keep, there was also a moat surrounding the castle. This was a deep ditch that was usually filled with water. This made it even more difficult for anyone to attack the castle.