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Use the word bank to say where the castles have been built!



Which land features is Bodiam Castle built near to?

Which land features is St Michael's Mount Castle built near to?

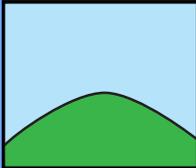
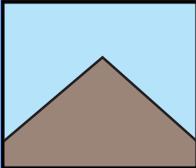
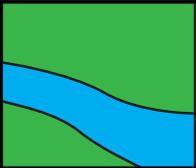
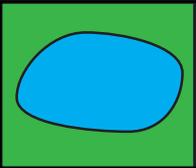
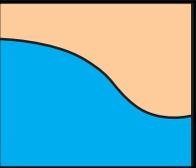


Which land features is Dover Castle built near to?

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Which land features is Stirling Castle built near to?



					
hill	mountain	river	lake	forest	sea

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Use the fact sheet to help you decide if **St Michael's Mount** was built in a good location.



Where is St Michael's Mount?

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What has been built on St Michael's Mount?

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Is St Michael's Mount easy to get to?

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Where did the people living in the castle get food and drinking water from?

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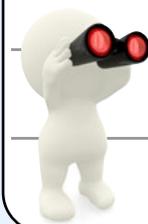
Would the castle have been easy to defend? Why?

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What were the challenges when building it?

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A 3D white figure wearing a yellow hard hat and holding a stack of white bricks.

Where did the people living in the castle get food and drinking water from?

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A 3D white figure wearing a white chef's hat and a red neckerchief, holding a white rectangular object.

Was it easy to get to?

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A 3D white figure wearing a tan hat and holding a large piece of brown paper, possibly a map.

Was it easy to defend?

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A 3D white figure holding black binoculars to their eyes.



## St Michael's Mount Castle

St Michael's Mount is an island off the West Cornwall coast. The first buildings on the Mount were religious buildings like chapels. Materials available on the island, such as stones and wood, were used for building. Some materials and tools were transported from the mainland.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:CASTLE3.jpg>



The Mount is near to the sea. For many years it was a popular port and fishermen would moor their boats there. There is a spring on the island that provides clean water.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:StMichaelsMount.jpg>



The Mount was surrounded by trees until in 1099 when there were reports of a flood. Today the Mount is surrounded by water at high tide, but at low tide you can walk to it.



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Weaponry\\_at\\_St\\_Michael%27s\\_Mount.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Weaponry_at_St_Michael%27s_Mount.jpg)

The Mount changed hands often during conflicts. The first recorded time it was seized for Prince John. Getting on the island was very difficult so his men disguised themselves as pilgrims. Years later another John seized the Mount and held it in a six months siege against 6000 men. Finally during the Civil War Sir Arthur Basset defended it for four years!



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Dover Castle is situated on the chalk cliffs overlooking the English Channel. The castle is built from stone not chalk, so people had to take stone blocks to the site. The keep is 25m high, so a lot of stone was brought to the top of the cliffs!

# Dover Castle



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Dover Castle was built near a river and a forest. The people living in the castle collected food and water regularly to keep in the castle.



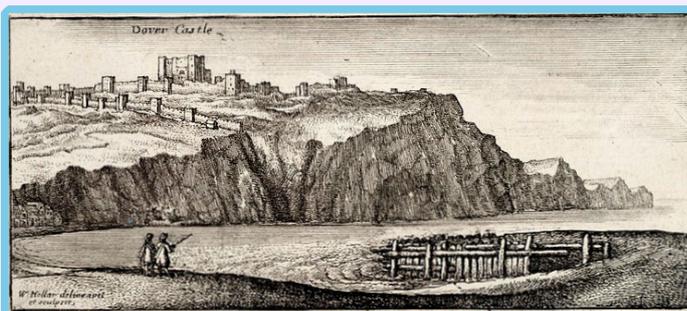
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Dover Castle is at the narrowest part of the English Channel. Ships arriving from France moored on the beach under the castle. The sailors climbed the steep cliffs to reach the castle.



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Dover Castle's location meant it was very important and has been attacked lots of times. Attackers had to climb the cliffs, cross the moat and climb two walls to get to the castle. Most of them didn't get to the castle.



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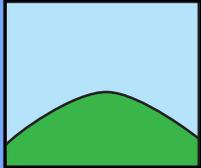
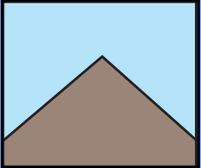
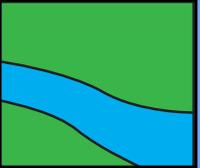
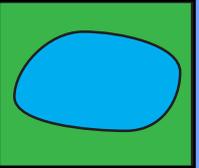
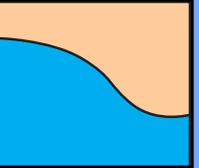


Use this sheet to fill in as much information about the castle you are visiting as you can!

Which castle are you visiting?

Where is the castle?

Which land features is the castle near?

					
hill	mountain	river	lake	forest	sea

Pick one land feature and explain why the castle was built near to it.

Draw a picture of the castle and label it and the land features.

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Where is St Michael's Mount?

On an island off the coast of West Cornwall.



What has been built on St Michael's Mount?

A castle, religious buildings, such as chapels, and a port



Is St Michael's Mount easy to get to?

No.

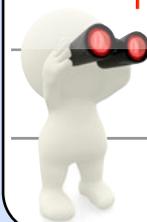
Where did the people living in the castle get food and drinking water from?

Fishermen would have caught fish for the island. Some food would have also been brought from the mainland. They got fresh water from a spring.



Would the castle have been easy to defend? Why?

Yes. People would have needed to get across the water to attack the island and then climbed the hill to reach the castle.



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What were the challenges when building it?

Stone needed to be transported up the cliff before the castle could be built.



Where did the people living in the castle get food and drinking water from?

People got food and water from the nearby forest.



Was it easy to get to?

No. Attackers had to climb up the steep cliff from the beach before they could reach the castle.



Was it easy to defend?

Yes, it was easy to defend.

