

CONWY CASTLE



1. Which King of England built Conwy Castle?

Henry III

Henry VIII

King John

Edward I

2. How many years did it take to build the castle and walls?

7

4

2

10

3. How many workers were brought in to build the castle?

750

1000

1500

2500

4. Which two of the following were nicknames of Edward I?

Longshanks

Softsword

Redbeard

Hammer of the Scots

5. How many men were needed to defend the castle?

25

200

150

1000

6. Which five of the following would you have to get through in order to enter the castle by the main entrance (circle each one)?

a steep slope

a very prickly bush

a drawbridge

a portcullis

the barbican

laser beams

murder holes

a pit of guard dogs

7. Which three of the following would castle defenders throw or shoot at attackers through the murder holes (circle each correct answer)?

Rocks

spears

bullets

crossbow bolts

guns

hot oil

cow dung

Hot sand

8. What do we call the holes that can be seen all around the castle and town walls?

Square holes
 Jackdaw holes
 Putlog holes
 Pole holes

9. How do we know that the castle walls used to be white?

There are still patches of lime render on the walls	Old people in town remember when it was still white	It's on Tik-Tok	The records at Dulux paints say they sent lots of white paint here
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10. Link each description or activity to the part of the castle where it would have taken place (the first one has been done for you):

Banquets, ceremonies and court cases	→	Outer Ward
A busy area of the castle		Great Hall and Chapel
Church services for the most people in the castle		Main chapel
People who were in debt were held as prisoners		Bakehouse Tower
Those guilty of murder or treason were held in a dark, cold, damp and dirty room 12 feet deep		Debtors prison
Bread baked in a large oven on the ground floor		Dungeon

11. Tick to show which of the following statements are true and which are false:

	True	False
The window seats would have been furnished with cushions		
Interior walls were painted white to make it lighter inside		
Wallpaper was a popular decoration		
Dried herbs were scattered on the floor so they released a nice smell when people walked on them		
Castles had no roofs on them		
Ladies hung their dresses over the latrines so the ammonia from urine killed the bugs and ticks which infested them		
Castles were mainly built to be comfortable and luxurious		
Tapestries were hung on the walls for insulation as well as decoration		

12. What separates the inner ward from the outer ward (circle all correct answers)?

Barbed wire

A wall

The middle gate

A ditch quarried out of stone

Murder holes

A drawbridge

A hedge

A well

13. Match each of the kings to the dates they were at Conwy Castle and what happened while they were here:

1294-95	Richard II	Received oaths of loyalty from Welsh princes
1301	Edward I	Stayed in the castle and met one of his enemies before being captured and imprisoned as soon as he left
1399	Edward II	Sheltered in Conwy castle over Christmas during a Welsh rebellion

14. Match the correct number to each statement:

- Edward's age when he married Eleanor
- Eleanor's age when she married Edward
- How many times Eleanor gave birth
- The number of Edward and Eleanor's children who lived into adulthood

- 6
- 15
- 16
- 12

15. In which war was Conwy Castle last fought over?

The First World War 1914-18

The Wars of the Roses 1455-1487

The English Civil War 1642-51

The Battle of Hastings, 1066

