

English

Wednesday 24th

June

'So do you want to build a castle?'

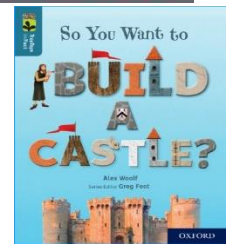
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Read pages 22-25.

Yesterday, you had explored the different features of a castle that protects it from the enemy. Today you have read about how these defences can be tested and overcome.

Imagine you are a soldier protecting the castle at all costs! Your defence is being tested and gradually the castle is coming under threat!

Task - Look at the different examples of how the castle's defences can be exploited. The enemy are gradually breaking down these defences and getting into the castle. Write a diary extract, from the view point of a soldier, about what they experience.

Key skill: **Use emotive language** to describe how they are feeling.

Key diary features:

- Dear Diary,
- Date
- First person
- Emotive language
- Description of key events
- Rhetorical questions
- Colloquial language (slang/informal vocabulary)

Below is an exemplar to help stimulate some ideas...

12th October 1098

Dear diary,

Yesterday was *unexplainable*! Hive Castle was one that was indestructible, no enemy could get in - the King was always in safe hands. *Confused thoughts swirled around in my head like a tormenting tornado*...I felt *defeated*. The enemy eventually broke down our defence by using a powerful battering ram to smash through the strong, iron gates. The fellow soldiers and I were became *increasingly frustrated* as we couldn't pin them down with our arrows due to them being sheltered under a wooden canopy made from trees - it was clear that they had planned this carefully. What else would you have done? I could *feel my blood boil* - I looked across and a sea of ladders were planted up against the castle wall and soldiers scurried up them (like rats) to gain an advantage. *Panic* started to set in...minute by minute we were losing control and the castle was being seized!

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