

Lord Solider Servant
Cook Knight Gong Farmer

Who are these people who lived in a castle? Can you write a sentence about their job?

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<p>Can you think of any other jobs in the castle?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

What jobs did people do in castles?

The Noble or Lord

Lived in the castle to ensure they were protected from invader's attack. They could afford more luxurious clothes made of velvet and other soft materials. They eat fresh fish, and meat. They played board games and told stories to entertain themselves.

Cook

They made meals for everyone in the castle. Fruit, vegetables and herbs were grown in the kitchen's garden. Meat would be stewed or roasted over the hearth fireplace. The water needed for cooking had to be fetched from the well. The cook would often sleep on the kitchen floor with many other kitchen staff. It was very cramped in there.

Priest

People enjoyed singing at the church as it was one of the few kinds of entertainment. The priest would tell Bible stories to the other residents. People came and told him what they had done wrong (their sins) in confidence.

Soldiers

Soldiers protected the castle from enemy attacks. They used arrows, crossbows, longbows and threw stone missiles to crush invaders. Sometimes boiling liquid was thrown onto the enemy from the castle walls (from the murder holes). Soldiers guarded the castle from the gatehouse and battlements.

Gong farmer

Toilets were called garderobes and they were built into the castle walls. EVERYTHING dropped down into the moat or a cesspit. The job of cleaning out the cesspit was done by men called gong farmers.

Knight

Knights were skilled horsemen and excellent soldiers. They fought for kings and Lords. The noblemen paid the knights with land. To become a knight, they had to train for 14 years! They would go to a lords house at 7 years old. There, they would have been taught how to ride and to shoot with a bow. After that, they became a squire and was taught how to fight with a sword. A knight wore a helmet that covered his head and very heavy armour.

Servants

Servants had to sleep on the cold, stone floors. They had to heat the water for the baths over huge fires! There were lots of servants and they all had different jobs to do: Sewing, laundry, for the knights, nurses who looked after the young children of the Lord and Lady. The outside servants looked after the horses, mended the armour and weapons, looked after the garden and beekeepers who provided honey for the kitchen.