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Although it is almost on our doorsteps, how much do you know about this castle?

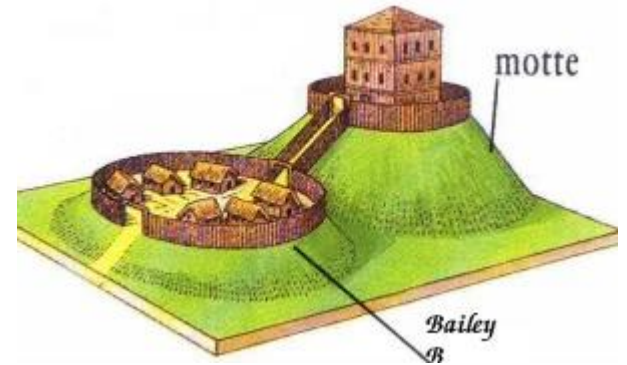
If you are allowed have a look at this video to see what it is actually like –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl13izCoFuw>

There are lots of videos showing you around the outside of the castle if you wanted to see more.

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Around 1070 William the Conqueror ordered a motte and bailey Castle to be built at Rockingham. Although this has been lost over the years it is still possible to see where the original parts of the castle were.



The motte is the raised part of the castle and is now marked in the gardens with a circular hedge – can you spot it in this picture?



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Why do you think William wanted a castle built here?

Look at the countryside around it – why is this a good place to put a castle?



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Many kings and important people have been to Rockingham Castle since then. Richard the Lion Heart and his brother John both spent time here.



Henry VIII gave the castle to Edward Watson, ancestor of the current owners, and Edward converted the fortress into a comfortable Tudor house. The Watson's have kept the house in the family ever since, welcoming lots of visitors - even Charles Dickens visited and performed some of his plays here. The family that live there now are direct descendants - over 500 years of one family owning it!



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Inside the castle .

What do you think these parts of the castle were used for?

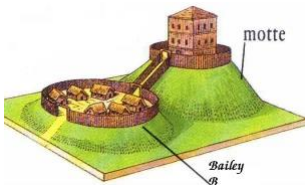


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Can you add some facts about Rockingham Castle?
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motte and bailey



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