

## What belongs in the great hall?

The servants at the Palace have been cleaning the great hall and everything is a mess! Do you know which items below belong in the great hall? Circle what you think belongs in the room and then see if you are right with the answers below!



Stokesay Castle medieval great hall



## **Answers**

### Items used during the Mid Medieval Period



Flagon – is a leather or pottery vessel for holding liquid



A Knife and Spoon – was used at this period by most people. The Fork, however, was not in regular use in England until the 17th century, although there is record of ceremonial and precious metal forks prior to this date. The fork was used regularly in the Middle East, much earlier than in England, with its use graduating to Europe and then to England.



Cauldron – was used for cooking, usually with a handle, from which it was hung over a fire in the middle of the hall.



Candles – only the Church or rich people could afford candles like this one, although poorer people would make light from animal fat – smelly!



Leather Bucket – would have been used at the medieval Palace.

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Goblet – metal, pottery and wooden goblets were used.



Pig & chicken – Livestock would have been brought inside during bad weather and to stop poaching.



Broom – this would have been a useful item for keeping the hall clean.



Chest – this would have been used for storage and seating.



Reeds & hay – would have been strewn on the floor and changed regularly.



Table – a rough table of wood that could be dismantled easily.



**Basket** – baskets would have been very useful for storage and transporting items.



**Wooden Bowls** – carved wooden bowls would have had many uses to do with storage, cooking and dining.



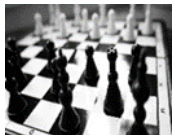
**Tin Plate** – some households could afford plates made of tin and pewter. Whilst more affluent people could afford platters and chargers made of gilt, gold and silver.



**Whippet** – this type of dog would earn its keep by chasing and catching rabbits, hares, for the pot and other small animals.



**Stool** – a stool would have been useful in the home for sitting upon, dining, standing on to reach things and for keeping stuff off the floor.



**Chess** – if one had been taught this game and had plenty of leisure time then chess was played.

Items not used during the medieval period

Cooking range



Wall gas light



Wellington boots



Mobile phone



Plasters



Laptop



Clock



Tablet



Carpet

