

St Fagans Castle



ESOL worksheets - Entry 2/Elementary

Section 1: Complete these activities before your visit.

Activity 1: Match the beginning and end of these sentences to find the meanings of the words in bold.

1. A room that is **decorated** is...
a) is someone who lives in the same area as you.
2. A house that is **furnished**...
b) the time between the years of 1884-1886.
3. A **lawyer**...
c) is a comfortable room in a large house used for relaxing or entertaining visitors.
4. A **drawing room**...
d) painted or covered with wallpaper.
5. The **18th century** is...
e) contains tables, chairs, beds and other furniture.
6. A **local** person...
f) one hundred years, between 1700-1799.
7. The **mid 1880s** is ...
g) gives advice to people about the law and speaks for them in court.



Activity 2: Read this information about the history of St Fagans Castle.

This is St Fagans Castle. It is the biggest building in the museum. A lawyer called John Gibbon, started building the castle in 1580. He sold the castle to Edward Lewis and his wife Blanche, who finished building the castle in 1620.

Many different people lived in the castle. A local schoolmaster lived there in the 18th century. He used the drawing room as a school.

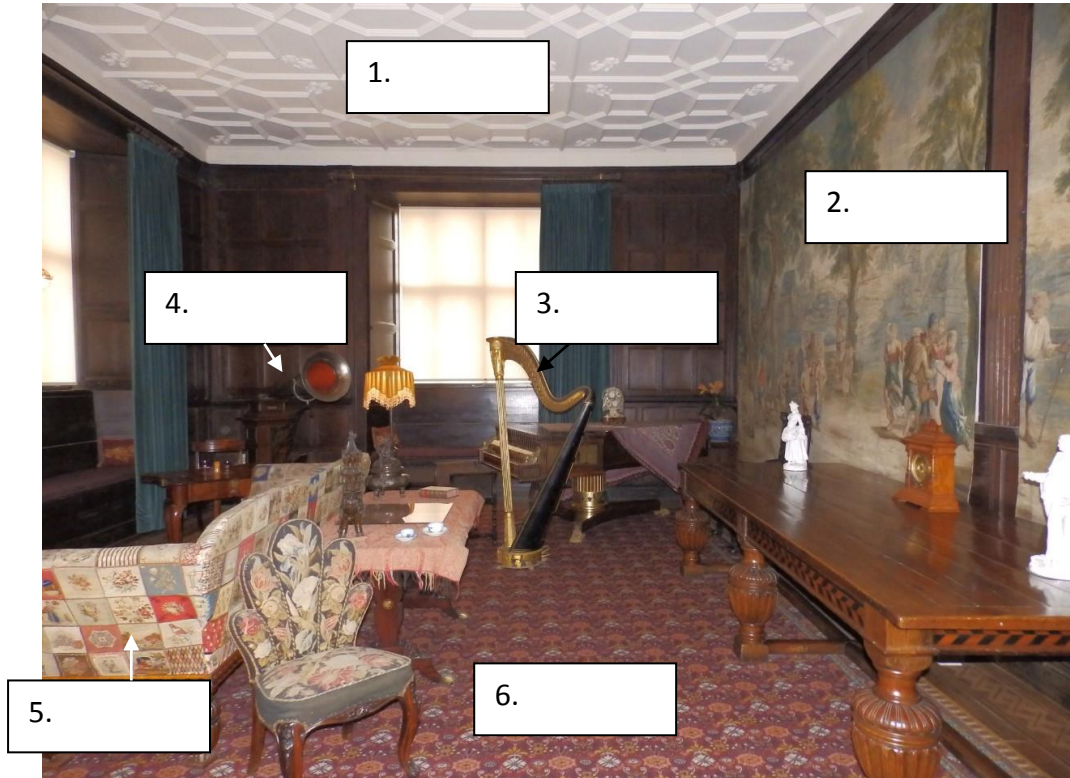
In the mid 1880s Robert Windsor, who was the Earl of Plymouth at that time, owned the castle. Robert Windsor was an important man who became the mayor of Cardiff. He was married and had three sons and a daughter. The family didn't live in the castle all year, but they stayed there every summer. They had many visitors. Today the castle is decorated and furnished to show people how the family lived at this time.

In 1946 the owner of the castle gave the castle and its land to the National Museum of Wales so they could build St Fagans open air museum.

Look at these sentences. Decide if they are true ✓ or false x.

1. John Gibbon was a schoolmaster.
2. The castle was finished in 1620.
3. The castle was used as a school in 1885.
4. Classes were held in the drawing room.
5. The Earl of Plymouth became the mayor of Cardiff.
6. Robert Windsor's family lived in the castle permanently.
7. The National Museum of Wales bought the castle over sixty years ago.

The Drawing Room



Activity 3: Match the words below to the objects in the room. Write the words in the boxes on the picture.

sofa gramophone harp tapestry carpet ceiling

Activity 4: Complete the description of the room by writing the correct word in the gap.

on under behind above in front of on the left

The drawing room is an important room. Here the family relaxes and entertains visitors.

There is a large picture _____ the wall made of cloth. This is called a tapestry. There is a beautiful ceiling _____ the tapestry. _____ there is a big sofa and _____ the sofa there is a small chair.

On the floor, _____ all the furniture, there is a pretty patterned carpet.

Sometimes the family play music on the big harp _____ the piano at the back of the room. Sometimes they listen to music on the gramophone.

On your visit...

Walk around the castle and answer these questions. If you need any help you can ask the people who work in the building.

Ask me a question.



Outside the castle.

1. The castle building is in the shape of a letter.

- Which letter do you think it is?
- Why did people make buildings in this shape in the 1500s?



2. What is this?

- Look carefully at one of the panels. What is different?



Inside the castle.

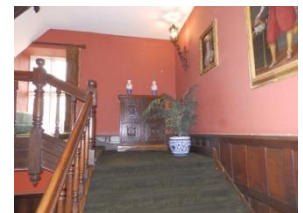
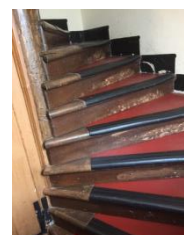
3. We can see a date and some letters on this chair.

- What dates and letters can you see?
- Can you find any other objects with dates and letters on them?



4. Can you find these staircases in the castle?

- Why are they different?



5. Which room is this?

- What different objects can you see in the room?
- Write the names of the objects here.



6. Where is this picture?

- Who are the people in the photograph?



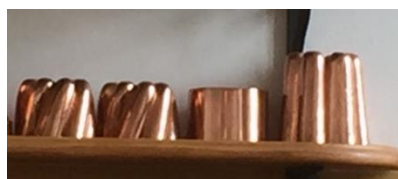
7. Where can you find these objects?

- What are they used for?

a)



b)



c)



*Which is your favourite room in St Fagans Castle?
Take a picture of it to show to your class.*

After your visit...

Look at this picture of the kitchen in St Fagans Castle.



1. Where are the saucepans?

The saucepans are on the shelf.

2. Where are the shelves?

3. Where are the big bowls?

4. Where is the table?

5. Where is the chair?

6. Where is the charcoal oven?

Which is your favourite room in the castle? Write a description of the room.
