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St Fagans National
Museum of History

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This worksheet is for ESOL Entry 2, elementary students. It is split into three sections.

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Before your visit...

Read the following information about the history of St Fagans Castle. Then complete tasks 1 and 2.

About St Fagans Castle |

St Fagans Castle 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.

About St Fagans Castle |

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.



Before your visit...

Task 1 | Read these sentences. Are they true or false?

John Gibbon was a schoolmaster.

True False

The castle was finished in 1620.

True False

The castle was used as a school in 1885.

True False

Classes were held in the drawing room.

True False

The Earl of Plymouth became the mayor of Cardiff.

True False

Robert Windsor's family lived in the castle permanently.

True False

The National Museum of Wales took ownership of the castle over in 1946.

True False

Before your visit...

Task 2 | Place the below words into the correct sentences.

decorated furnished drawing room
18th century lawyer local

A room that is _____ is painted or covered with wallpaper.

A house that is _____ contains tables, chairs, beds, and other furniture.

A _____ gives advice to people about the law and speaks for them in court.

A _____ is a comfortable room in a large house used for relaxing or entertaining visitors.

The _____ is one hundred years between 1700-1799.

A _____ is someone who lives in the same area as you.

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. Complete tasks 1 to 5.



On your visit...

Task 1: Walk around outside the castle and answer these questions. If you need any help ask the people who work in the building.

Outside the castle |

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?

*Can you find this object outside the castle?
What is it?*



What is different about one of the panels?

On your visit...

Task 2: Walk around inside the castle and answer these questions.

Inside the castle |

Find this chair.

What dates and letters can you see?



Can you find any other objects with dates and letters on them? If so, what are they?

On your visit...

Task 2: Walk around inside the castle and answer these questions.

Inside the castle |

Find this room.



Which room is this?

What are some objects you can see in the room?

On your visit...

Task 2: Walk around inside the castle and answer these questions.

Inside the castle |

Find this photograph.



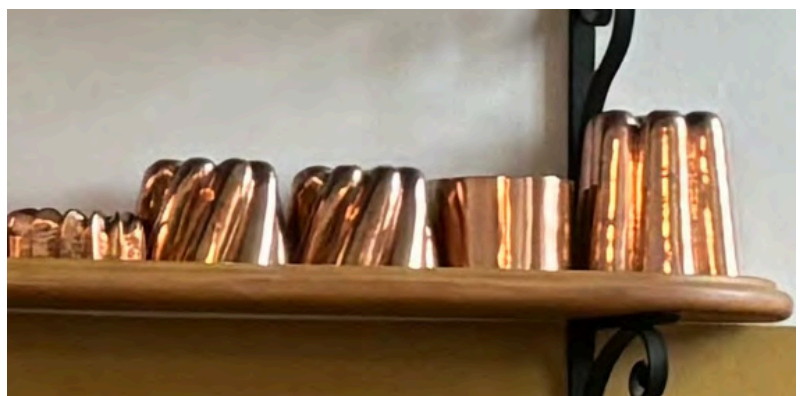
Who are the people in the photograph?

Where did you find the photograph?

On your visit...

**Task 3: Find the objects in images below.
Name the object and what it was used for.**





On your visit...

Task 4: Go to the Drawing Room. Match the words below to the objects in the room.

Write the words in the boxes on the picture.

sofa

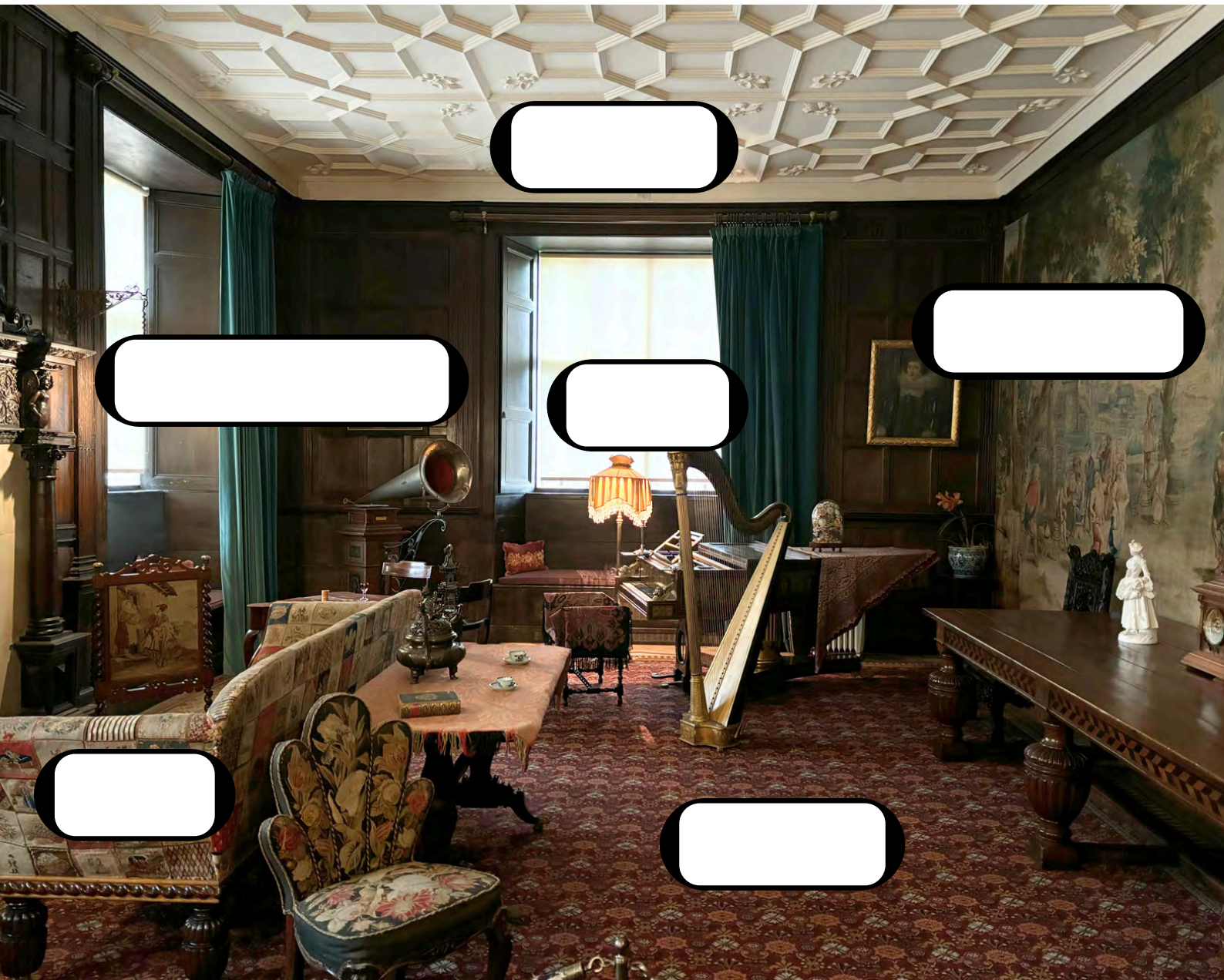
gramophone

harp

tapestry

carpet

ceiling



On your visit...

Task 5: Complete the descriptions of the room. Write the below in the correct spaces below.

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.

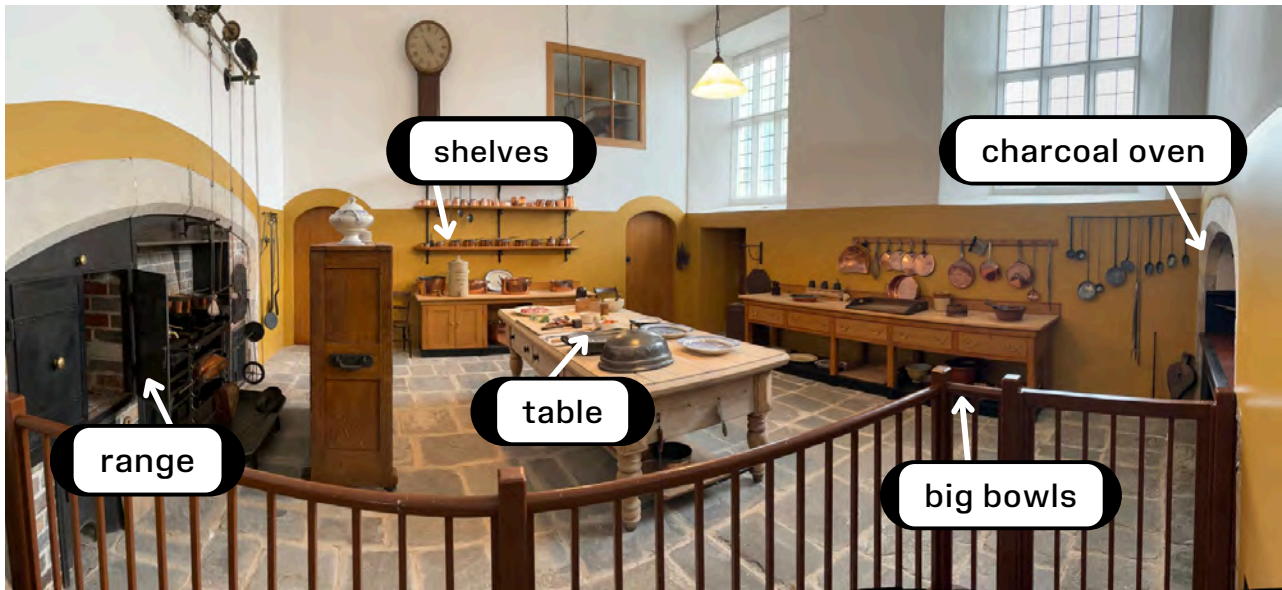
After your visit...

After your visit return to the following tasks. Complete tasks 1 and 2.



After your visit...

Task 1: Look at this picture of the kitchen in St Fagans Castle and use it to answer the questions below.



Where are the saucepans?

 The saucepans are on the shelf.

Where are the shelves?

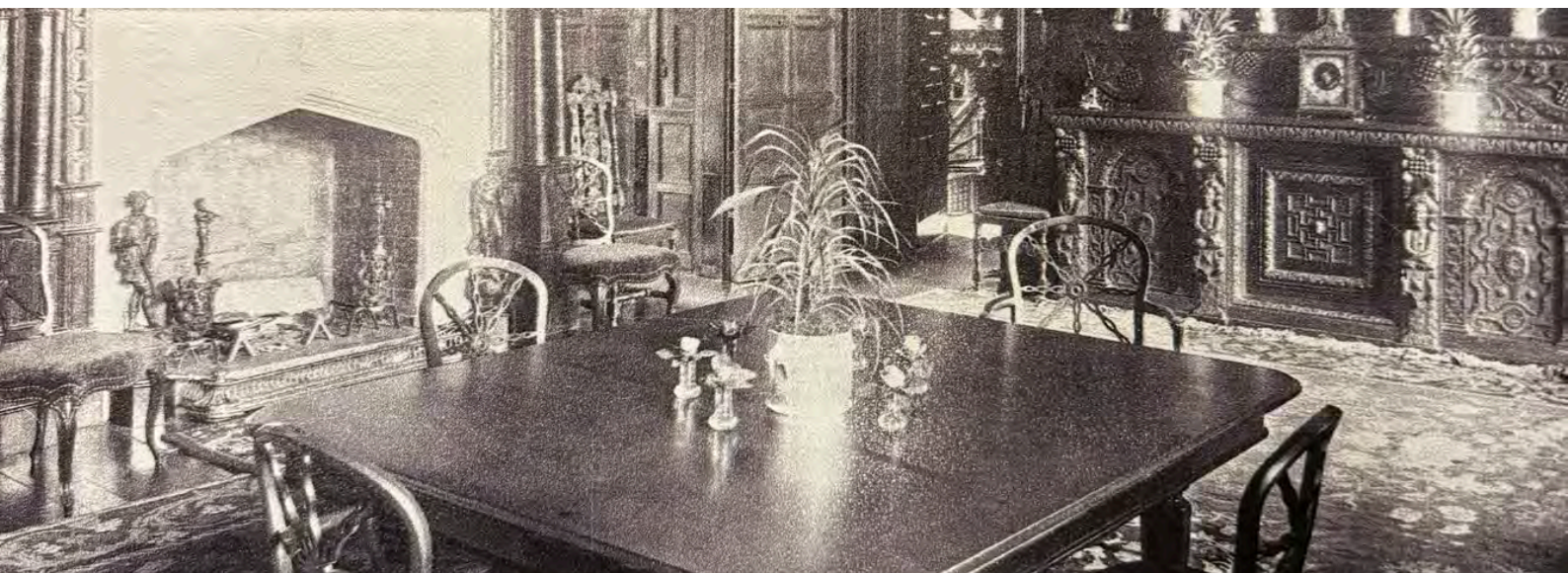
Where are the big bowls?

Where is the table?

Where is the charcoal oven?

After your visit...

Task 2: Which is your favourite room in the castle? Write a description of the room.



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St Fagan's National Museum of History

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Section one | Before your visit

Warmer: Look at the picture of the castle and elicit learners' knowledge of St Fagans and the castle.

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Reading and Comprehension |

Learners to read through the text in pairs.

Encourage use of a dictionary to find meanings and invite learners to share any words they have learned.

Task 1 | True or false

Learners work individually to complete the true /false questions. Nominate learners to feedback to class.

Task 2 | Word match and meaning

Learners work in pairs to find to find the correct word and write it in the sentence to understand the words meaning.

Section two | On your visit

Ensure learners have physical or digital worksheets and explain that they need to answer these questions during the visit. Explain that they will find the answers to the questions by looking inside and outside the castle and also by asking the Museum staff. If necessary practice asking questions.

Encourage learners to take pictures to share with the class.

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Task 1 | Outside the castle

The questions in task 1 should be read and answered just outside the main entrance to the castle.

Task 2 | Inside the castle

These questions should be read and answered gradually as learners investigate the castle. It may be that learners answer some questions out of order here, which is absolutely fine. Encourage learners to return to spaces if any questions are missed.

Task 3 | Find the objects

Look at the photographs provided and find the objects. The three objects are in and near the kitchen area. Encourage learners' to keep their explanations basic about what the objects were used for.

Task 4 | Word match

Match the words provided to the objects in the photograph.

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Task 5 | Find and name the items

Learners complete the description of the room by using the words provided. Nominate learners to feedback to class.

Section three | after your visit

Warmer: After the visit, ask the learners to share any interesting information they found out about the castle. Ask them to work in small groups and share any pictures taken during the visit and to name the items in the pictures.

Task 1 | Vocabulary

Read through the sentences as a class and check understanding of items in the room.

Give one or two examples focusing on the prepositions used. Learners complete the remaining sentences individually and check in pairs.

Task 2 | Speaking and describing

Learners work in pairs and describe their favourite room in the castle. Learners write a description of their favourite room.

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Answers | Before your visit

Task 1 | True or False

John Gibbon was a schoolmaster.

True	False
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The castle was finished in 1620.

True	False
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The castle was used as a school in 1885.

True	False
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Classes were held in the drawing room.

True	False
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The Earl of Plymouth became the mayor of Cardiff.

True	False
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Robert Windsor's family lived in the castle permanently.

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The National Museum of Wales took ownership of the castle over in 1946.

True	False
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Answers | Before your visit

Task 2 | Word match and meaning

A room that is decorated is painted or covered with wallpaper.

A house that is furnished contains tables, chairs, beds, and other furniture.

A lawyer gives advice to people about the law and speaks for them in court.

A drawing room is a comfortable room in a large house used for relaxing or entertaining visitors.

The 18th century is one hundred years between 1700-1799.

A local is someone who lives in the same area as you.

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Answers | On your visit

Task 1 | Questions: Outside the castle

The building is in the shape of the letter E.



People built houses in this shape because it is the first letter of Elizabeth I, the name of the queen at this time.

This is a cistern for collecting water.



One of the panels is upside down.

Task 2 | Questions: Inside the castle

There are dates and letters on chairs, fireplaces and panels in the house which show when the items were made. The letters are initials of some of the people who lived in the house.



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Task 2 | Questions: Inside the castle

This is the Butler's Pantry.

Objects include: table, chairs, silver wear, iron, apron, clock, sink, bottles, newspaper, teapots, candles.



Task 2 | Questions: Inside the castle

This photograph can be found outside of the kitchen. It shows the servants who looked after Lord Windsor and his family.



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Task 3: Find the objects

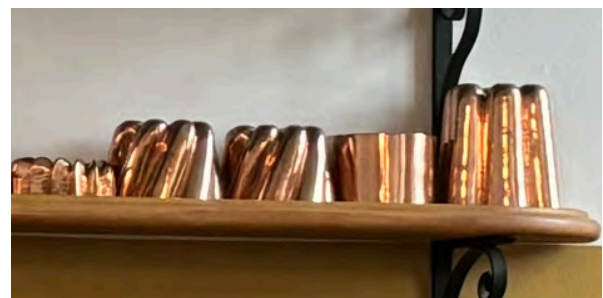
A meat oven with a spit for roasting meat.



Bells used to call the servants to the rooms where they were required by the family. Each bell has the number of a room written above it.



Tins for making cakes and jellies.



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Answers | On your visit

Task 4: Name the objects

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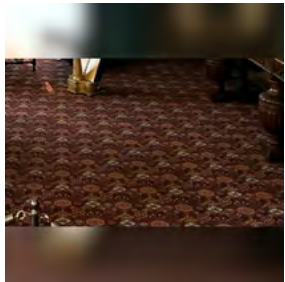
Gramophone



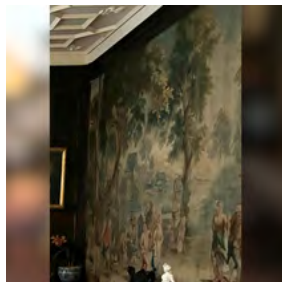
Harp



Carpet



Tapestry



Ceiling



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Answers | On your visit

Task 5: Complete the sentences

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

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

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

Sometimes the family play music on the big harp _____ in front of _____ the piano at the back of the room.

Sometimes they listen to music on the gramophone.

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Answers | After your visit

Task 1: Complete the sentences

Where are the shelves?

The shelves are on the wall.

Where are the big bowls?


The big bowls are under the table.

Where is the table?

The table is in the middle of the room.

Where is the charcoal oven?

The oven is on the right.



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