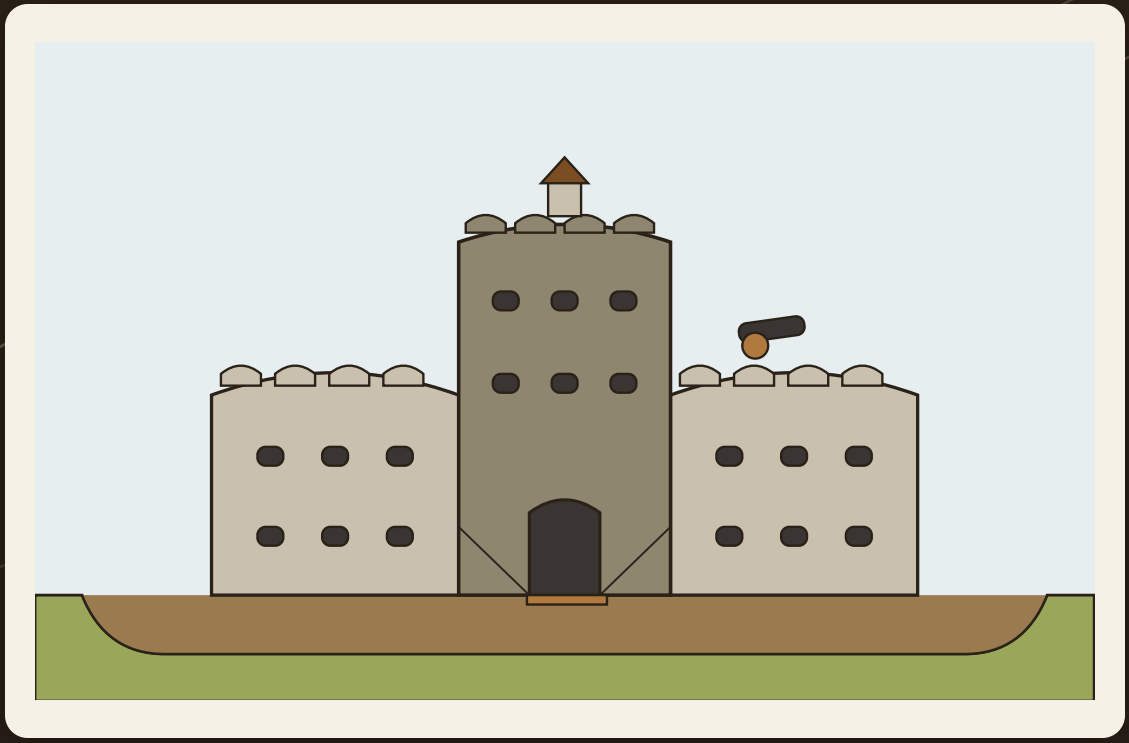
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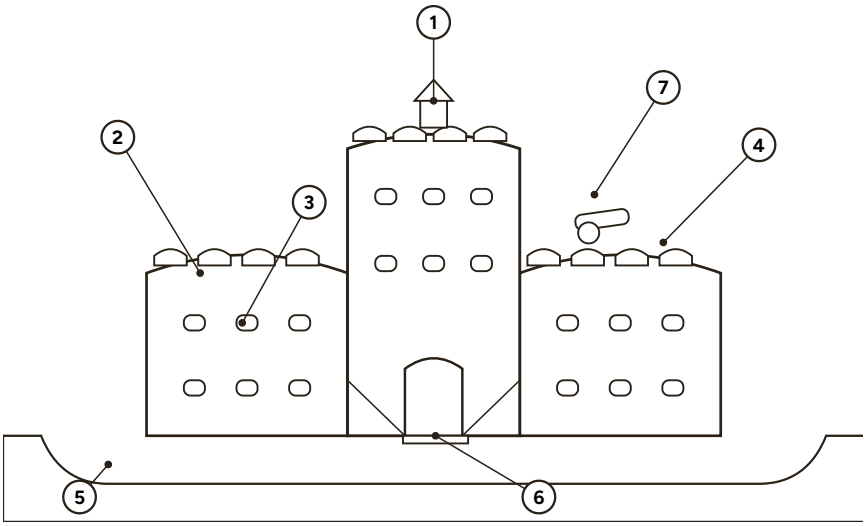
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Label the Tudor gun fort

From the Junior Topic Pack. Answers: 1. central tower · 2. rounded bastion · 3. gunport · 4. parapet · 5. moat · 6. drawbridge · 7. cannon



A Tudor gun fort seen from the side. Our own simplified drawing, not to scale, not a copy of any real fort, plan, map, scan, print or photograph.

Word bank: cannon · central tower · drawbridge · gunport · moat · parapet · rounded bastion

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FROM THE POSTER SET

The Tudor forts timeline

From the 1490s to 1984

1490S
Dartmouth builds gun towers (English Heritage)

1512
A gun tower is built at Camber (English Heritage)

1537
John Arundell asks the king to protect the River Fal (English Heritage)

EARLY 1539
Pope Paul III arranges a treaty between France and the Holy Roman Emperor (English Heritage)

FEBRUARY 1539
"The device of the king": a plan to improve the defences (English Heritage)

27 DECEMBER 1539
Anne of Cleves lands at Deal and rests at the unfinished castle (English Heritage)

OCTOBER 1540
The three Downs castles are finished (English Heritage)

1541 TO 1544
Hurst Castle is built (English Heritage)

1544
At least 38,000 men go to France (English Heritage)

1545
The Mary Rose sinks in the Solent (English Heritage)

1546 TO 1547
Yarmouth, the last fort of the programme, is begun (English Heritage)

1547
Deal has 57 guns (English Heritage)

1559
Upnor Castle is begun (English Heritage)

1570
Deal has only 17 guns (English Heritage)

1588
The "Great Armada" (English Heritage)

1595
A small Spanish force raids Cornwall (English Heritage)

1596 AND 1597
Another Armada heads for Carrick Roads and is stopped by bad weather (English Heritage)

BY 1600
Paul Ive's bigger fortress surrounds Henry's castle at Pendennis (English Heritage)

1639
The Battle of the Downs (English Heritage)

AUGUST 1646
Pendennis surrenders after a five-month siege (English Heritage)

25 AUGUST 1648
Deal surrenders after a siege (English Heritage)

1 TO 19 DECEMBER 1648
Charles I is held prisoner at Hurst (English Heritage)

1667
The Dutch sail past Upnor (English Heritage)

1802
William Pitt makes Walmer his main home (English Heritage)

1885
A minefield is laid across the entrance to Carrick Roads (English Heritage)

1905
Walmer opens to the public (English Heritage)

1940
A German bomb badly damages the Captain's House at Deal (English Heritage)

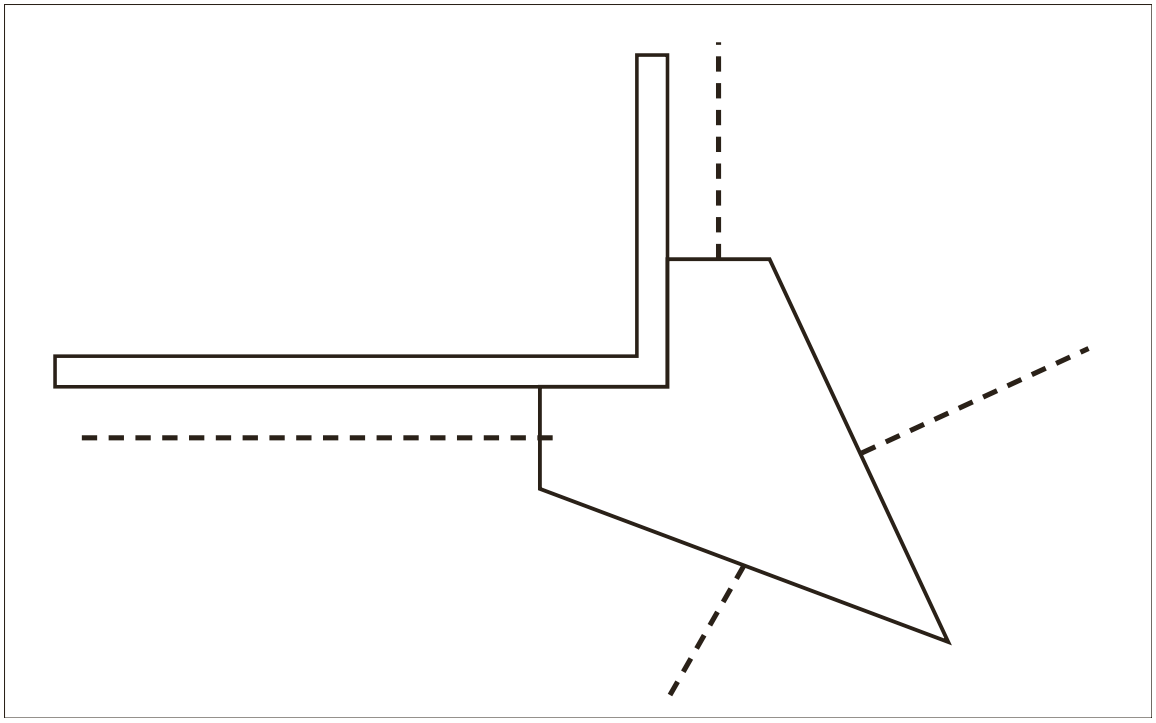
1956
St Mawes passes to the care of the state (English Heritage)

1984
Yarmouth comes into the care of English Heritage (English Heritage)

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An angle bastion

Seen from above



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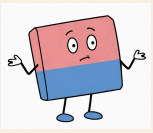
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