



Oystermouth Castle

Oystermouth Castle is a big stone castle in Mumbles, near Swansea. It is very old. It was first built around **1106**, nearly **one thousand years ago**!

The castle is on a hill. From the top, you can see the sea and the land below.

A long time ago, people built castles to keep safe from enemies. Oystermouth Castle had **big towers** and **thick stone walls** to protect the people inside. There was also a **gatehouse** to let friendly visitors in.

Now the castle is a place where visitors can come and explore. Many children visit on **school trips**. You can climb the towers, look out to sea, and visit the chapel. In the chapel, there are beautiful **stained-glass windows**.

You can imagine what life was like for people living there long ago!

Glossary

- **castle** — a big strong building for defence.
- **hill** — high land that goes up above the ground.
- **tower** — a tall part of the castle
- **chapel** — a small church inside the castle.
- **stained-glass windows** — coloured windows with pictures.
- **gatehouse** — a building at the entrance of the castle.



Questions

1. Where is Oystermouth Castle?

👉 It is in...

2. Why did people build castles?

👉 They built them to...

3. What can visitors do at the castle today?

👉 Visitors can...

4. What do you think is the most exciting part of visiting the castle?

👉 I think the most exciting part is...