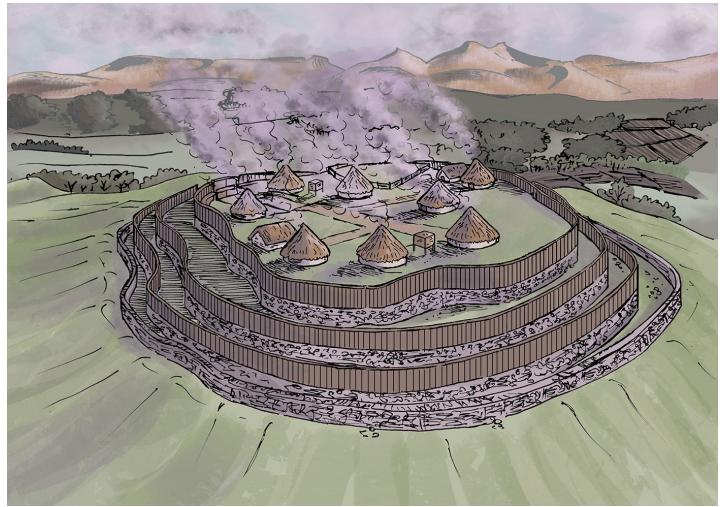
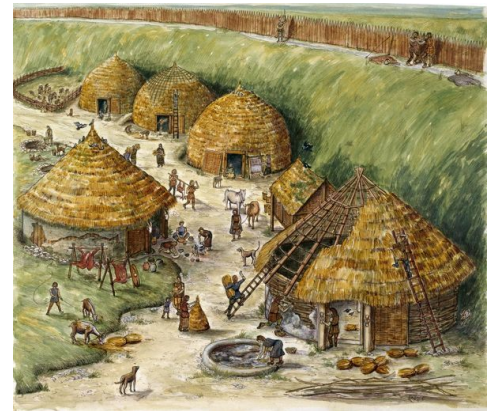


## Hill forts

The first castles in Britain were hill forts. Hill forts were built high up on hills so that the people it protected had a good view of enemies. The ramparts (walls) were built of stone and wood with pointy tops to stop people jumping over. The forts were surrounded by ditches.



Maiden Castle, in Dorset, is a hill fort from the Bronze Age (a very long time ago). Inside the fort, people lived in round, thatched houses.



Answer the questions

Why were the forts built on hills?

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What were the forts surrounded by?

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Where is Maiden Castle?

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Draw a picture of your own hill fort.



Finish writing the similes here...

My hill fort is as **strong** as \_\_\_\_\_.

The walls are as **pointy** as \_\_\_\_\_.

The ditches are as **deep** as \_\_\_\_\_.

From the top, I can see as **far** as \_\_\_\_\_.

The people are as **smelly** as \_\_\_\_\_.

The houses are as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

The enemies are as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

