

HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE THEN VERSUS NOW CHALLENGE

In the 19th Century, nobles and very rich people often owned more than one home. They might have a place in London or a major town and a place in the country. Some of the country houses were very big. They built massive homes so they could live in luxury and show other people how rich and important they were. They also needed space for the many servants they had.



Lord Stuart de Rothesay loved Highcliffe and Christchurch. His Grandfather, Lord Bute had built a massive mansion on the cliff top at Highcliffe. As a child, Lord Stuart spent many happy days staying there. Unfortunately after his Grandfather's death, the mansion and most of the land was sold. Later on the mansion was demolished as the cliffs were eroding and it was about to fall into the sea!

Lord Stuart dreamed of getting the land back and building his own house here. Highcliffe Castle took over 5 years to build; the work started in 1831 and was largely completed by 1836. It was not as enormous as his Grandfather's mansion but still was a big house for four people. Lord Stuart had a wife called Lady Elizabeth Stuart and two children called Charlotte and Louisa.

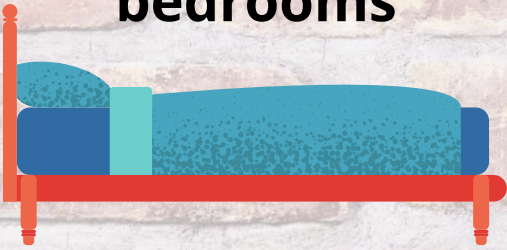


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Your challenge is to identify the differences between Highcliffe Castle; the home of Lord Stuart and your home today.

**The Castle had 28
bedrooms**



Vs

My home has...

bedrooms

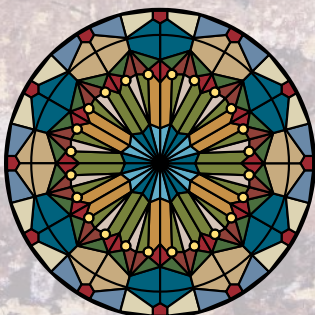
**The Castle was
heated by coal fires**



Vs

**My home is heated
by...**

**The windows in the
Castle had stained
glass**



Vs

My home has...

windows

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Your challenge is to identify the differences between Highcliffe Castle; the home of Lord Stuart and your home today.

The Library had
30,000 books



Vs

My home has...

books

To enjoy music, you
played the piano
or sung.



Vs

If I want music I
can...

Many pieces of
furniture came from
France



Vs

My furniture
comes from...
