



What colour was a Unicorn?

Take this quiz home and colour in the unicorn and lion. We found the unicorn earlier today on the roof of the Great Hall!



In the Unicorn's Garden

Welcome to Stirling Castle! I'm Sally, a servant in the palace. I love horses and I always run outside to see them when I hear the sound of hooves on the castle cobbles.



We have lots of different kinds of horses here at the castle and even a unicorn! Let's try to find them together.



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Answers: Running here and there - Hares are the fastest! They can run up to 50 miles per hour, whereas the fastest horses and dogs can only manage around 45 miles per hour. Unicorn Spotting - A unicorn has a single horn in the middle of it's head and is a mythical creature!



Fight!

If you look down over the garden wall you can see the area that was used for jousting. There would have been galloping horses, colourful tents and fighting knights.

Gallop like a horse getting ready for a joust!

Your majesty

The palace was the home of the royal family. They had every luxury, including an elegant carriage from France. It never left the castle though because the horses couldn't pull it on the awful roads!

Curtsey or bow in the queen's presence!



Attention!

The chapel was turned into an armoury in the 1700s and all its elaborate decoration was covered up.

Can you **march like a soldier** outside the chapel or **trot like a horse** being paraded by a guard?

Make an entrance

This used to be the main entrance of the castle. It would have been busy and noisy with people and horses going in and out.



Can you make the **noise** of the horse's hooves clip clopping on the cobbles as you go through the arch?

Running hare and there

Look for the carved hares in the great hall. In Scottish stories, witches often became hasty hares that could outrun the quickest horses and hunting dogs.

In real life, **do you think** dogs, hares or horses are the fastest?*

Do the highest **jump** you can like a hare!



Unicorn spotting

The great hall was used for big parties and celebrations. On the roof you can see two stone unicorn statues. Unicorns were the symbol of the Scottish royal family.

Do you know what makes a unicorn different from a horse?*



Buzzy bee

Busy and bustling, the Nether Bailey was home to many of the castle's animal residents, from hunting dogs to military horses. Today, it's home to the castle's bee hives.

Find the bee hives and **buzz** like a busy bee!



Food glorious food

Horses would have pulled carts up to the door of the Great Kitchens, filled with food for feasts.

Royal feasts sometimes included a cockatrice, a mythical creature that was half serpent and half rooster and made from half a chicken sewn onto half a roast suckling pig!

What would you **eat** at a banquet held in your honour?

*Answer on the back.