Royal Kings and Queens liked to relax and enjoy themselves at places like Linlithgow Palace. Guests were invited to parties where there was music, dancing and other entertainment.

Create a party in your ‘palace’ and entertain the people you live with.

Become a Court Jester and have a go at juggling. You can find instructions online.

You need 2 or 3 objects to juggle with. You could use:
- Pieces of material
- Juggling balls or small beanbags
- Fruit!

Try:
- Throwing one object from one hand to the other
- Throwing one object high up and try to catch it with one or both hands
- Throwing one object in the air, spin right round and catch it!
- Throwing two objects in the air, one at a time - or three!

Once you’ve had a practice, why not teach someone else in your family?

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Become a Court Bard (a poet) and write and recite your own funny poem about Linlithgow Palace. Here’s a poem you could finish off:

‘At Linlithgow, Queen Mary of Guise
Yin day was attacked by some bees,
She was runnin’ aboot,
But she couldnae get oot,
Because somebody had lost the big _____!’

Can you include some Scots words in your poem? Here are some ideas:
- braw = lovely
- hame = home
- hoose = house
- fa’ = fall
- stane = stone
- moose = mouse
- fantoosh = fancy
- cauld = cold
- mingin = smelly

Become a Court Minstrel (a musician).
If you play an instrument, try playing a piece of music, like Greensleeves (which was popular in Royal Courts long ago).

Or choose some music you like and make up a dance to it!

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