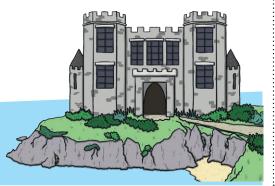
Building Castles

- 9 What are you able to build with your blocks?
- 15 Castles and palaces, churches and docks.
- 23 Rain may keep raining, and others may moan,
- 31 But I can be happy building at home.
- 40 Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet a sea,
- 48 That's where I'll make the castle for me:
- 56 With a moat and portcullis, a drawbridge beside,
- 64 And hundreds of turrets where people can hide.
- 72 With high walls that enemies never can climb,
- 80 And dungeons for if you've committed a crime,
- 91 For as long as I live, and wherever I may be,
- 95 I'll always remember my
- 99 castle by the sea.



Quick Questions



1. What is the child happy to do when it is raining?



2. Can you find a contraction in this poem and write it as two words?



3. Why do you think the child will always remember the castle they built?

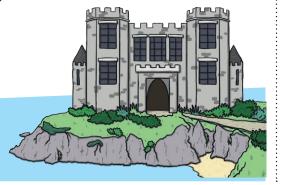


4. What do you think the child is going to build next with the blocks?



Building Castles

- 9 What are you able to build with your blocks?
- 15 Castles and palaces, churches and docks.
- 23 Rain may keep raining, and others may moan,
- 31 But I can be happy building at home.
- 40 Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet a sea,
- 48 That's where I'll make the castle for me:
- 56 With a moat and portcullis, a drawbridge beside,
- 64 And hundreds of turrets where people can hide.
- 72 With high walls that enemies never can climb,
- 80 And dungeons for if you've committed a crime,
- 91 For as long as I live, and wherever I may be,
- 95 I'll always remember my
- 99 castle by the sea.



Answers



What is the child happy to do when it is raining?
build with blocks at home



2. Can you find a contraction in this poem and write it as two words?

Accept any of the following: that's – that is, I'll – I will, you've – you have.



3. Why do you think the child will always remember the castle they built?

Accept any inference that relates to the text, e.g. because the child loved building it/because it's the best castle they've ever built.



4. What do you think the child is going to build next with the blocks?

Accept any sensible predictions, e.g. I think they will build a city.

