

## Song → Lily Allen "I'm a Knight"

I'm a knight on my way to a tourney.  
 My squire helps carry things for the journey.  
 He tends to all my needs and takes care of my steed\*.  
 In turn I train him in the act of chivalry.  
 We arrive and I display my coat of arms\*.  
 I get a favour from a lady full of charm.  
 A wandering minstrel\* is strumming on his lyre.  
 My armour\*'s heavy and I'm starting to perspire.  
 My gauntlet\* grasps the reigns covered in mesh of chains\*.  
 I wield a deadly lance, one word from the herald\*  
 and I'm poised to advance.  
 My visor's down and I'm ready for jousting\*.

To please the crowd my opponent needs ousting.  
 I don't know who he thinks he be, but he better  
 thinks twice if he plans to unhorse me.  
 Started life in the manor as a page, learning courtly  
 ways till I became of age.  
 After I squired for a knight I called my lord.  
 At my accolade he dubbed\* me with the flat side of  
 his sword.  
 After the tournament\* it's to the banquet hall.  
 Ale will be flowing, there'll be dancing at the ball.  
 Up in the galleries the ladies cheer us on.  
 And wonder who will show most prowess.  
 Who will be their champion ?

Label the pictures with words from the song. Use the words with an asterisk.



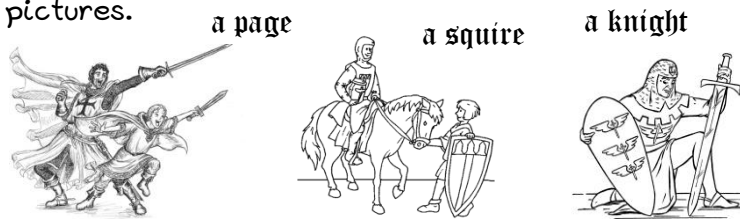
## Becoming a Knight

At the age of about seven, a boy of noble birth was sent away to another nobleman's household to become a page\*. A page learned courtly manners, horse riding and how to fight.

When about 14, a page became a squire\*, apprenticed to a particular knight. A squire was trained to use weapons. He also looked after his master's armour and horses, served his lord and assisted him in battle.

A successful squire became a knight\* when he was 21 years old at a ceremony called dubbing.

Link the words to the pictures.



a page

a squire

a knight

What did the squire do in medieval times? Tick the typical duties you've seen in the video clip.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> protecting the knight.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> carrying the knight's flag.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> carrying the knight's shield and sword. | <input type="checkbox"/> assisting the knight on the battlefield.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> serving the knight's meal.              | <input type="checkbox"/> accompanying the knight to tournaments.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> taking care of the knight's horses.     | <input type="checkbox"/> dressing the knight in his armour.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> training in the art of chivalry.        | <input type="checkbox"/> ensuring the armour and weapons were in good working condition. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hunting with falcons and hawks.         |  |

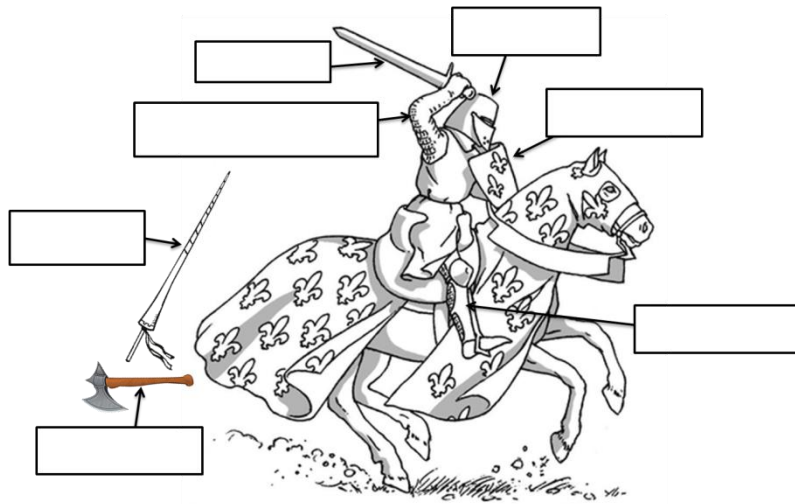
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| <input type="checkbox"/> be courteous to ladies.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> attack Britain.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> build churches.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> be brave in battle.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> be loyal to their Lord and to the King. | <input type="checkbox"/> lose tournaments.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> traffic with traitors.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> defend castles.         |

Fill in the boxes using the words below.

lance / helmet / armour / coat of mail / sword / battle axe / shield



### Crossword Puzzle

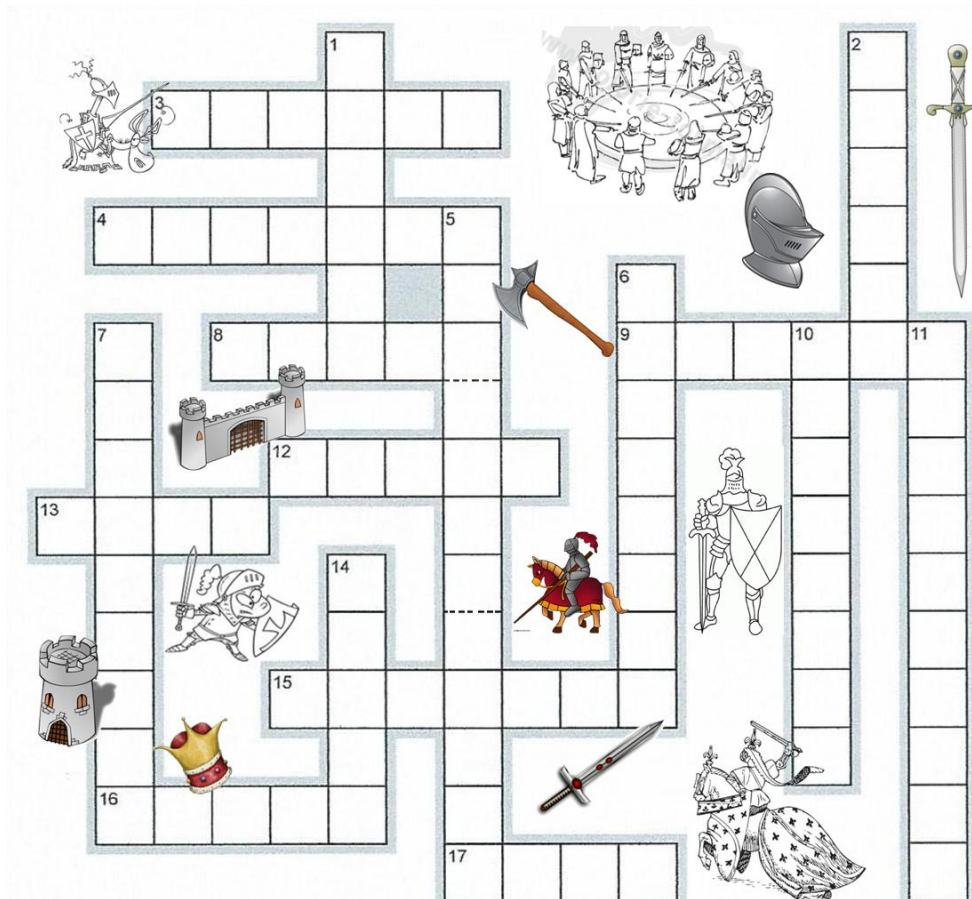
Read the clues and fill in the puzzle.

Across →

- 3. Carried in the hand for protection.
- 4. The site of King Arthur's court.
- 8. A long spear used in jousts.
- 9. It protected the knight's head.
- 12. It protected the knight's body.
- 13. A young noble boy serving a knight.
- 15. Medieval love.
- 16. The shape of a mystical table.
- 17. A medieval musical instrument.

Down ↓

- 1. A famous wizard in Arthurian legend.
- 2. A young man training to become a knight.
- 5. The quest in Arthurian legend.
- 6. A medieval code.
- 7. King Arthur's mythical sword.
- 10. A medieval musician and singer.
- 11. A mock battle between knights.
- 14. A knight's weapon worn on his left side.



## Answer keys



steed



coat of arms



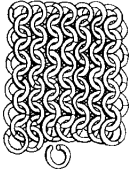
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gauntlet



mesh of chains



herald



jousting



dubbing



tournament  
tourney

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