

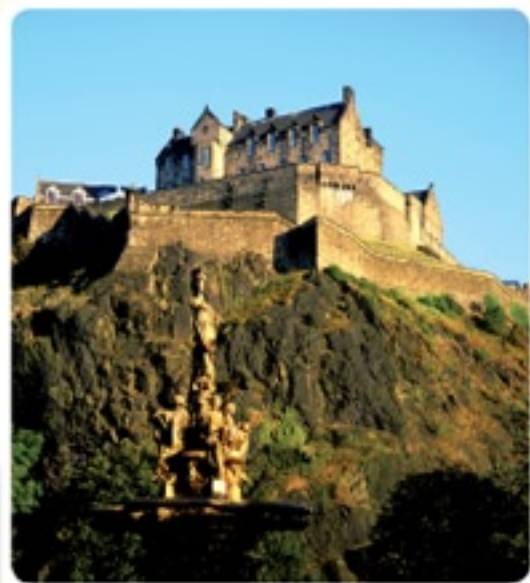
## Natural Walls

Sometimes the land surrounding a castle provides a good natural defence.



Dover Castle in Kent is built on the top of the cliffs. On a clear day, from the top of the castle, you can see the coastline of France in the distance. Defenders in the castle would be able to see the enemy coming from a long way off.

Edinburgh Castle is an ancient fortress. Three sides of the castle are protected by cliffs 80 metres high. Only one side is accessible where the rock slopes more gently.



### Fact box

Edinburgh Castle was built on an **extinct volcano** that was formed 70 million years ago!



Rumour has it that Dracula could turn into a bat!

Bran Castle in Transylvania is another castle built on a large rock. But it is not just the difficult climb to the castle that kept attackers at bay. Rumours and stories helped to keep people away from Bran Castle. It was once supposed to be the home of Vlad the Impaler, otherwise known as *Count Dracula*!