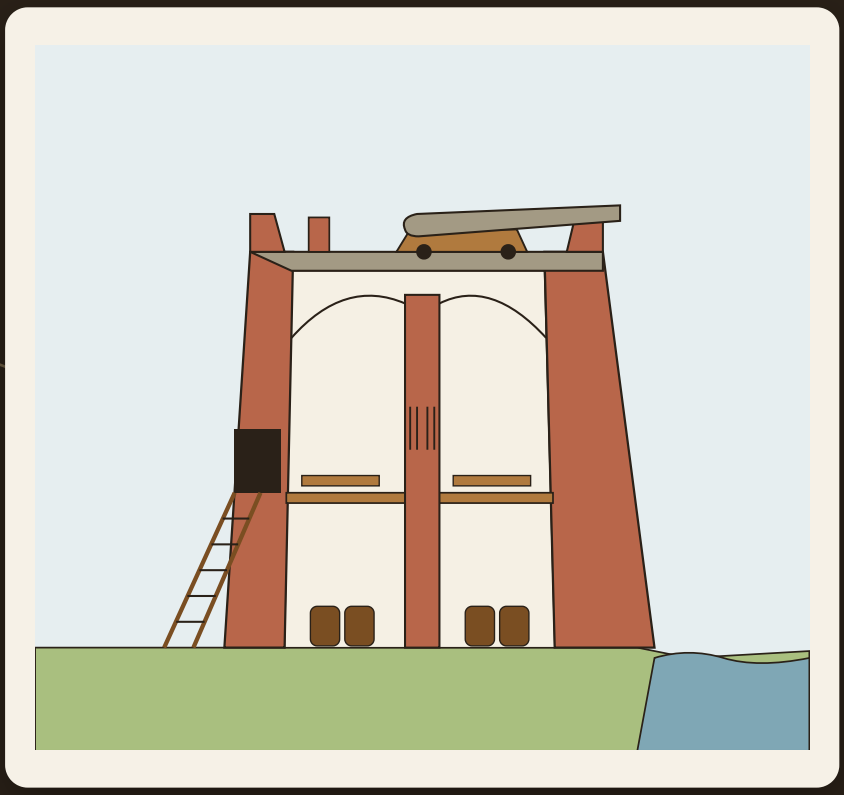
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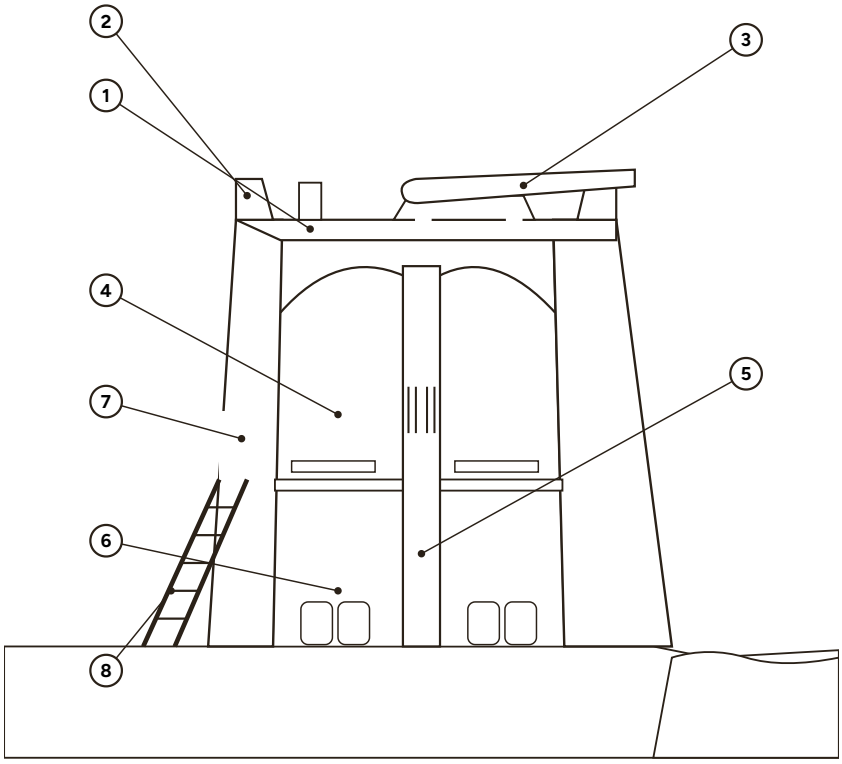
ABOUT THE FACTS

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FROM THE KS2 TOPIC PACK

Label the Martello tower

From the KS2 Topic Pack. Answers: 1. gun platform · 2. parapet · 3. 24-pounder gun · 4. barrack room · 5. central pillar · 6. magazine · 7. door · 8. ladder



A slice through a tower. The sea is on the right. Our own simplified drawing, not to scale, not a copy of any real tower, plan, map, print or photograph.

Word bank: 24-pounder gun · barrack room · central pillar · door · gun platform · ladder · magazine · parapet

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FROM THE POSTER SET

The Martello towers timeline

From 1794 to 2007

10 FEBRUARY 1794
The tower at Mortella Point, Corsica, is taken by the British (Royal Museums Greenwich)

1796
The British leave Corsica and demolish most of the Mortella tower (Historic England)

1796 TO 1799
The Prince of Wales Tower is built in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Parks Canada)

JULY 1803
Captain William Ford proposes towers along the south coast (English Heritage)

JUNE 1804
The order is made to build tower No. 11 at Sandycove, Dublin (James Joyce Tower)

OCTOBER 1804
A conference at Rochester agrees the tower scheme in principle (English Heritage)

1805 TO 1808
Most of the 74 south coast towers are built (English Heritage)

1805 TO 1806
Tower 24 and its twin are built at Dymchurch (Historic England)

1809 TO 1812
29 east coast towers are built in Essex and Suffolk (English Heritage)

1813 TO 1814
Hackness Battery and Martello Tower are built in Orkney (Historic Environment Scotland)

1815
Carleton Martello Tower is finished in Saint John (Parks Canada)

BY 1817
Towers 1 to 27 have all been disarmed (English Heritage)

1826
The Aldington Gang of smugglers is brought to justice (English Heritage)

1832
The Coastguard takes over; tower 24 becomes a Coastguard station (English Heritage)

1864
The Prince of Wales Tower becomes a gunpowder store (Parks Canada)

1866
Hackness gets a 68-pounder gun (Historic Environment Scotland)

1892
The only record of the Hackness guns being fired: a practice day (Historic Environment Scotland)

1904
Oliver St John Gogarty rents the Sandycove tower; James Joyce stays (James Joyce Tower)

1941 TO 1944
A concrete command post on Carleton tower is in use (Parks Canada)

13 JUNE 1944
Observers on tower 24 report the first V1 flying bomb to enter the UK (English Heritage)

16 JUNE 1962
The James Joyce Tower opens as a museum (James Joyce Tower)

1969
Tower 24 opens as a museum (English Heritage)

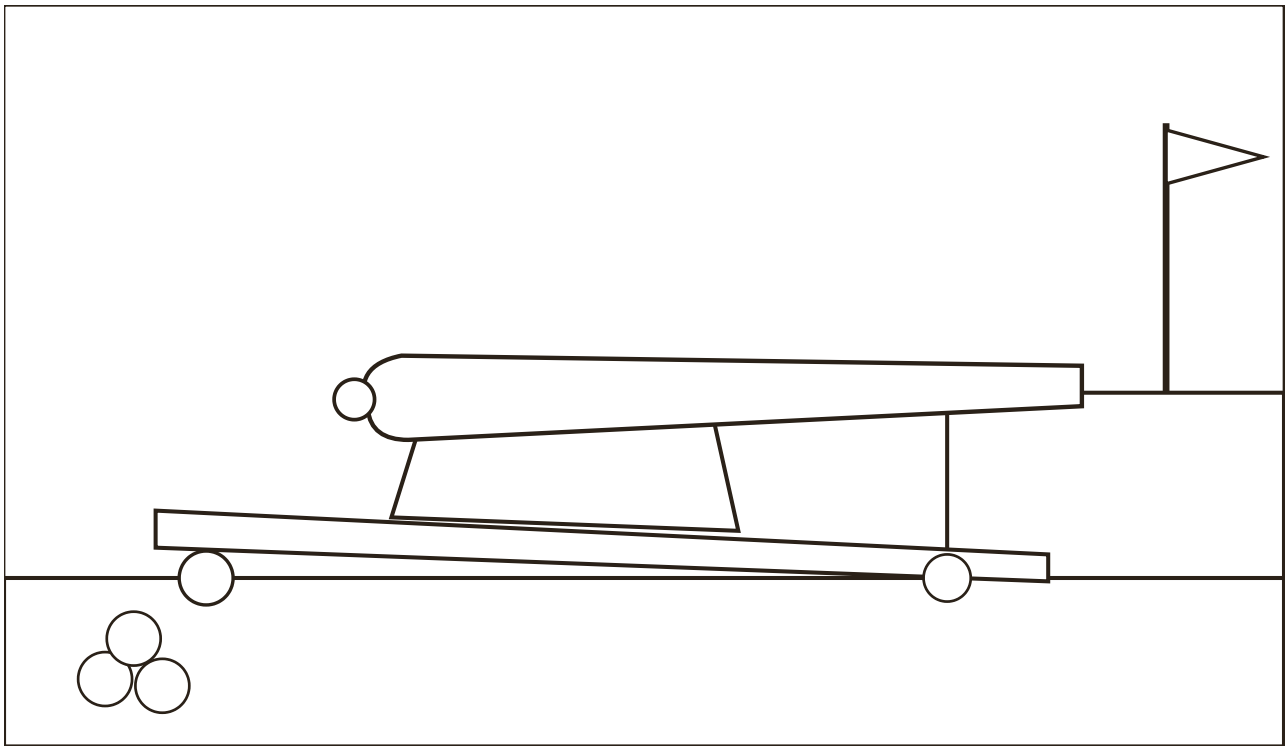
1971
The Landmark Trust takes on the Aldeburgh tower (The Landmark Trust)

2007
The Rideau Canal joins the World Heritage List (UNESCO)

FROM THE FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

The big gun

A gun, a wooden carriage and a pile of cannonballs



The gun sat on a wooden platform that could turn through 360 degrees.

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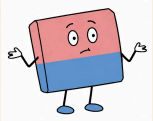
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