1. Match the sentences to the pictures.

A. Knights were special because they fought on horses.
B. Sometimes squires were knighted before a battle.
C. Knights liked to hunt in their spare time.
D. They also liked to read and play board games.

2. Can you put the events in the right order? Number them from 1 to 5.
   A. After a few years, you became a squire. ______
   B. When a squire was older he became a knight. ______
   C. You learned to fight and you helped to serve food. ______
   D. At seven years old, you were a page. ______
   E. You learned to use a lance and you helped to look after the horses. ______

3. Match the two halves of each sentence.
   A. A castle had... ...hard to destroy.
   B. Castles were very strong and... ...that a lord and his family needed.
   C. Cannons... ...fell into ruins.
   D. Many castles crumbled and... ...could blast castles to pieces.

4. Each word in the box has a spelling mistake. Can you correct the mistakes, then use the words to label the picture?

   helmit ........................................
   lanse ...........................................
   suord ...........................................
   sheeld .........................................
   coot of arms .................................

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Activity: Make your own knight’s helmet.

1. For the jaw piece, cut a very long, wide strip of thin cardboard. The strip should go around your head, so that it covers your nose.

2. Fold the strip in half. Push a ballpoint pen through the cardboard, halfway along the strip, near the top. Make a hole in the other side, too.

3. Draw two curved lines on the cardboard, like this. Then, keeping the strip folded, cut along the lines. Bend the strip around and tape the ends.

4. Cut a strip of cardboard, about half the height of the curved piece. The strip goes around the back of this piece, so the ends of the strip overlap the holes a little.

5. Cut the ends of the strip into curves. Draw a dot a little way in from each end, then push a ballpoint pen through each dot.

6. Draw around the shape five times on thin cardboard. Cut out the shapes, then make holes in the ends of each one using the first strip as a guide.

7. For the visor, draw around one of the strips. Add wide triangles above and below the shape. Then cut it out and make holes in the ends.

8. Draw six rectangles with slanted ends on the visor. Pinch the middle of one and cut into it, then cut out the shape. Cut out all the shapes.

9. For the hinges, cut two strips of foil, twice as long as your middle finger. Roll them into sticks, then twist one end of each into a thick spiral.

10. Push the sticks through the holes in the curved piece. Thread one strip onto the sticks and move it until it overlaps the back of the jaw piece.

11. Tape the middle of the strip onto the jaw piece. Add another strip, overlapping the first one, and tape it in place. Add the rest of the strips in the same way.

12. Add the visor last, but don’t tape it onto a strip, to allow it to move up and down. Twist the loose ends of the foil sticks into tight spirals.

The spirals should be inside the helmet.

Both ends of the strip must overlap the holes a little.

The hinges hold the helmet together and let the visor move up and down.

This helmet was decorated with a silver pen before the pieces were put together.