

Glossary: Castles and Knights

arbiter	person who has the power to decide what is to be done	Richter
bloodshed	killing of people	Blutvergießen
blunt	not scarp or pointed	stumpf
combat	fighting	Kampf
crusade	military expedition to recover the holy land from the Muslims	Kreuzzug
ditch	a kind of narrow channel	Graben
drawbridge	a bridge that can be pulled up	Zugbrücke
dub	make a person a knight by touching him on the shoulder with a sword	zum Ritter schlagen
feud	bitter quarrel between 2 persons, families or groups	Fehde
fortress	fortified building	Bollwerk, Festung
gateway	gate that can be closed	Torweg
grate	metal frame	Gitter
hawk	bird that hunts other birds	Falke, Habicht
jester	person who makes jokes	Spaßmacher
joust	to fight each other with lances	Turnier
juggler	person who does tricks with balls etc.	Gaukler
keep	main tower of a castle	Burgturm, Bergfried
moat	ditch filled with water	Wassergraben
mock	not real	Schein-
mound	small hill	Erhebung
orphan	child without parents	Waise
Pentecost	first Sunday after Easter	Pfingsten
reed	a kind of coarse grass	Schilf, Rohr
rush	(marsh) plant	Binse
siege	operations of armed forces who blockade a fortress in order to capture it	Belagerung
squire	young man who was/is a knight's attendant	Knappe
stonemason	man who cuts, prepares and builds with stone	Steinmetz
stronghold	fort	Festung
timber	wood for use in building	Bauholz
tournament	competition	Wettkampf, Turnier
widow	woman whose husband had died	Witwe