



# The Hawk of the Castle

## Identify the picture

Circle the correct object name



helmet

hood

stoop



bells and betwits

mews and molts

jesses and rings



gloves

gloves

talons



lure

leash

lanyard

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### ANSWER KEY



A **hawk's hood** is made of soft leather. It is slipped over the bird's head, covering its eyes to keep it calm. The fancy feathers on top are not only for decoration; they are also used as a handle when removing the hood.



**Hawking Bells** are attached to the bird's legs with leather strips called **bewits**. The bewits prevent the metal bells from rubbing on the bird's legs. Bells help the falconer locate the bird after it's downed its prey. As the bird moves, the falconer follows the jingling sound.



A falconer's **gauntlet** is like a glove but it's made of thick leather and extends up the arm for extra protection from the hawk's sharp claws.



If a bird does not catch its prey and return on its own, a **lure** can be used to call it back to its master. A lure is a decoy, sometimes baited with raw meat. The falconer swings it over his head then drops it to the ground as the bird swoops down to tackle it.