

KnighT Survival Guide: Are You Tough Enough?

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- 1 **Showing off**
When there are no real battles, take part in a tournament. This is a fighting competition in which you can show off your skills.
- 4 **Charge!**
To joust, you must:
 1. Ride towards your enemy at top speed.
 2. Try to hit him with your lance.
 3. Wear your smartest armour!
- 9 **The winners**
Knights who won a joust were given a prize. They were usually given money.
- 11 **For the ladies**
Knights sometimes fought to impress a lady.
- 13 **KnighT rules**
A good knight must be very polite to ladies. Always bow and kneel to a lady and never, ever swear at her!
- 16 **Your special lady**
You can even fight for a lady. In any fight, make sure you wear her family colours or coat of arms.
- 19 **Take care**
Knights were expected to **defend** and **protect** women.
- 21 **On a mission**
Your king or lord might test you by sending you on a quest, or mission. You might have to catch an enemy or save a prisoner in a castle.
- 24 **Top quests**
If you are really lucky you might get to find treasure or rescue a princess from a tower. And all knights want to fight a dragon, of course!
- 27 **Cup of magic**
Some knights went on a great adventure to find a magical cup called the Holy Grail.

Challenge 2

- 1 Why would a knight take part in a tournament? Give **two** reasons from the text.

- 2 What does the heading "**Showing off**" tell us about the author's feelings about tournaments?

- 3 "*make sure you wear her ... coat of arms.*"

In this sentence, the underlined words are closest in meaning to the following. Tick **one**.

warm winter coat

something you wear in secret

family's shield

another layer of protection

- 4 At this time, were ladies seen as strong and independent, or weak and fragile?

Explain your answer using ideas from the text.

- 5 Use information from the text to write a definition of a joust for the glossary.

- 6 Give **two** reasons from the text why knights would fight in a tournament.

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: