



# EXPLORE MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS IN THE PHYSIC GARDEN



Find the part of the garden that looks like a maze.

In 1503 Mary's grandfather James IV started building the Palace of Holyroodhouse and a royal garden. As part of his Palace the King created a royal garden, and part of it looked like the place where you are now. His garden even had a tennis court.

What other sports do you think James IV would have played in his garden?



Listen to the sounds in the garden.

If you were stood here in 1535 you would hear some unusual sounds. Perhaps the raw of a lion or the call of an ape. That's because Mary's father, James V, and her mother, Mary of Guise, had a royal menagerie, a collection of wild animals.



What sounds can you hear today?

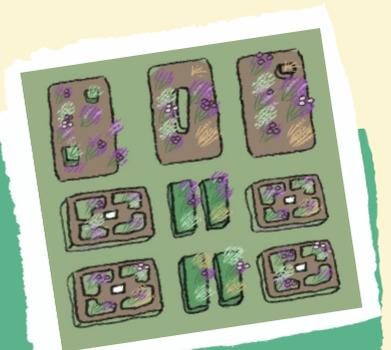
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Explore the area of the garden with vegetable patches and raised beds.

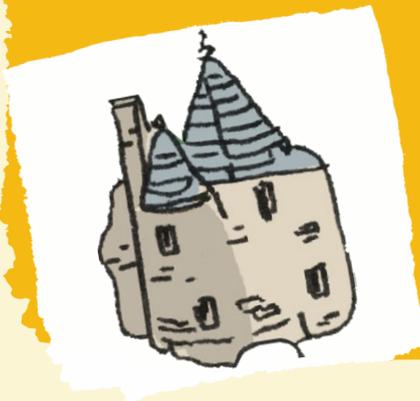
Mary grew up in France and she became fond of French food. When she returned to Scotland and lived at the Palace she brought some of these tastes with her, and even asked her gardener to grow spring onions for her.

Can you find and sketch a piece of fruit or a vegetable in the garden?



With a partner, find the ruined wall and stand by the closest tree.

You are stood in what would have been Mary's private, or privy garden. In this garden she met with important visitors including an ambassador of her cousin, Elizabeth I.



With a partner, imagine one of you is Mary, and one of you is an ambassador to Elizabeth I. What would you talk about?

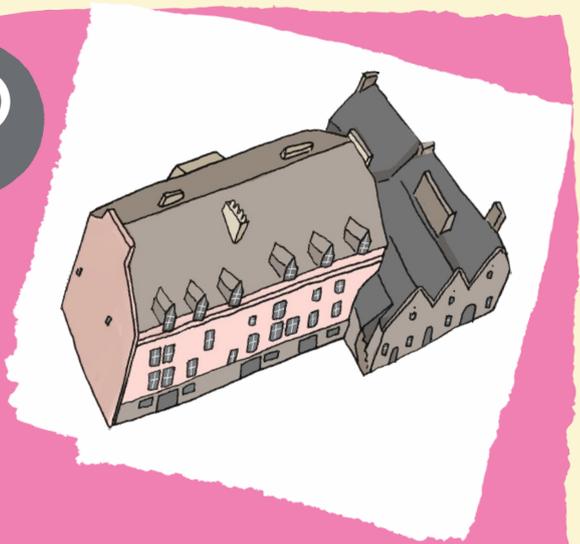
Look at the little building with the cone-shaped roof.

This building is called Mary's Bath House. It was once thought that this was where she bathed in white wine!



Can you find the pink building?

This building is called Abbey Strand. When Mary lived at the Palace many of her court lived here. In Mary's court she had cooks, carpenters, singers and fools!



Can you think of any other people who might have been in Mary's court?

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Look up at the big hill called Arthur's Seat

Arthur's Seat is in Holyrood Park. Mary loved hunting and when she lived at the Palace she asked for wild boar to be brought over from France and released into the park so she could hunt them. To help her hunt she also had eagles brought from Orkney and Shetland!

What animals do you think live in Holyrood Park today?

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