

# NicheEnglish UK Tour



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**Location:** Kenilworth Castle  
**Town:** Kenilworth  
**Region:** Warwickshire  
**Country:** England

## Introduction

See script below

### Vocabulary

**Barking mad**

**Come rain or shine**

**Hidden gems**

**...in the heart of...**

**steeped in history**

**...was considered as a...**

**Historical**

**...and pigs might fly...**

**Explore**

**The Battle of Agincourt**

### Meaning

This is an English expression that means someone is crazy.

This means 'no matter what'. It expresses that you will do something. Similar to saying 100% yes.

A place that is well worth seeing and is not that well known.

'In the centre of' something.

This means that something is full of history.

...was believed to be...

Something that is full of history and is important in history.

This is a fun expression that means it will never happen.

To go and find out new things.

The is the battle, which took place in France in 1415, where the English King, Henry V [5<sup>th</sup>], defeated a French army that was 3-4 times its size. It's one of the most famous battles in English history.



### The Tudors

The Tudor period occurred between 1485 and 1603 in England and Wales and includes the Elizabethan period where Queen Elizabeth I [1st] was Queen.

King Henry VII [7<sup>th</sup>] and King Henry VIII [8<sup>th</sup>] were also part of the Tudors.



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## Introduction

Well, they said winter was coming and my god it's here! I am freezing! My cameraman is shaking, and everyone thinks we are **barking mad**.

However, **come rain or shine**, come freezing temperatures, NicheEnglish will always be there, taking you around the UK, showing you all the **hidden gems**.

So, where are we? That is the question.

Well today, we are **in the heart of** Warwickshire at Kenilworth castle. This castle is **steeped in history**. Kings and queens have lived here.

Kings such as King Henry V [5<sup>th</sup>] from the **battle of Agincourt** in 1415, King Henry VII [7<sup>th</sup>] known as the winter king, even King Henry VIII [8<sup>th</sup>] himself, and of course, Queen Elizabeth I [1st]. They all came to this castle and this place is full of history.

This place was built in the 1120's. It's a castle that **was considered as a** Royal Palace for most of its time. It's a place that has been unchanged since Queen Elizabeth I [1st]. So here, you can learn the past, the history of the **Tudors** themselves.

There is one thing I want to tell you about this castle. Not only is it full of history, full of all those **historical** stories, it's also full of romance.



On Queen Elizabeth's first visit to this castle, when she went through the gate house, Robert Dudley stopped the clock. And the meaning if that was to make time stand still. So, he could spend all his life, the rest of his life with the women he loved.

That's a romantic story, and I also tell my wife – one day I will be as romantic as that. And to honest, she always says to me, and pigs might fly. Lovely!

So, what are we waiting for? Let's go and **explore** this historical castle.

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## Leicester's Gatehouse



### Vocabulary

### Meaning

<b>Imposing gatehouse</b>	An appearance that looks very impressive and important. The Gatehouse is the main entrance to the castle.
<b>Potential</b>	Something that is possible.
<b>Private chambers</b>	This means private rooms.
<b>Ornate Fireplace</b>	Something that is very highly decorated with many patterns.
<b>Initials</b>	The first letter of a name. So, Robert Dudley would be RD.
<b>Servant</b>	A person who is employed to help or support someone. They do things such as clean the house, cook etc.
<b>Discover</b>	To find out new things.
<b>Ancient</b>	Something that is very old. Hundreds or even thousands of years old.
<b>Gonna</b>	This is local language for 'going to' / 'going to do'

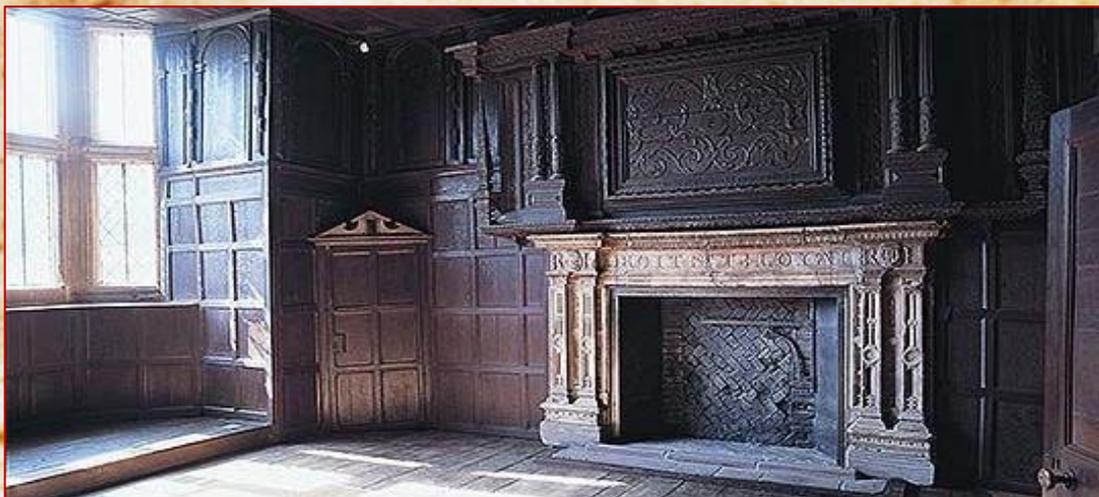
What you see here is Leicester's Gatehouse. It was built in 1570 as an **imposing gatehouse** to scare away any **potential** attacker.

But in the 1660s it was built as **private chambers**, and Queen Elizabeth herself, came here, stayed here. It's even where Robert Dudley tried to make Queen Elizabeth fall in love with him.

So, what are we waiting for! Let's go inside and see how Queen Elizabeth lived and see how Robert Dudley tried to make her fall in love with him.

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Ok, we are inside Leicester's Gatehouse, and this is the Oak Room. And this room is famous for the beautiful **Ornate Fireplace**. It's amazing!

You can look at the decoration, imagine Queen Elizabeth herself, Robert Dudley, sitting here having a conversation. And these are the **initials** of Robert Dudley himself, and if you look closely, you can even see the initial of Elizabeth.

So, come here, look at this beautiful fireplace.

This is amazing! I love this place. But one thing you should know. If you want to get married, if you want that special day, you can actually book these rooms out for your wedding day. And have a great day, something different to remember.

But please don't tell my wife because I know what she is thinking right now. She wants to come here and get married again. So, I better start saving.

This is brilliant! This is Queen Elizabeth's **bed chamber**. You can imagine herself lying down, sleeping here, talking with her **servants**. It's an amazing room. Just have a look for yourself.

Oh this is great! You can come here and see Queen Elizabeth's bed chamber itself. So, what are we gonna do now? We are **gonna discover** more of this **ancient** castle.

Let's go!

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## The keep

### Vocabulary

### Meaning

#### Bedrock of the defence

This expression means that the keep was the main part of the castle for defence. It was the strongest part of the castle.

#### At the heart of the castle ...

'At the centre of...'. In the paragraph below it expresses that the keep was the centre of the castle / the main focal point, for 500 years.

#### Awe-inspiring

Something that is amazing, breathtaking, and can inspire you.

#### Strengthened

To be made stronger.

#### ...to impress...

If you want 'to impress' someone, you want them to admire you, look up to you, or respect you.



And this is the keep. This is the **bedrock of the defence** of the castle. If the castle was attacked, they got inside of the castle, this is the place that you would go to survive.

This Norman Keep was **at the heart of** castle for 500 years. Its walls are 14 feet **high** [Note: should be wide / thick] and even today, it's the most **awe-inspiring** part of the castle.



It was built in the 12th century and **strengthened** by King John. One of the least most famous, least most liked kings in the history of England.

But in 1570, it was changed by Robert Dudley as a place to entertain, a place **to impress**. And it wasn't to impress anyone, it was to impress Queen Elizabeth herself.

This is a man who knew how to impress a lady. So, let's go and take a look inside.

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## The Elizabethan Garden



### Vocabulary

### Meaning

#### walk in the footsteps of

If you 'walk in the footsteps' of someone, you do the same as they once did.

#### Lovingly recreated

Lovingly means to very carefully do something. Recreated means that you have copied something and made it look the same as before.

#### A haven of tranquility

A place [haven] of calm and peace [tranquility].

#### A myriad of colours

Myriad means many. So, there are many different colours.

#### Wander around

To walk around but with no clear plan on where you are going.

#### Producer

The person responsible for making the video.

And these are the Elizabethan Gardens, built by Robert Dudley in 1575 **to impress** Queen Elizabeth.

You can **walk in the footsteps of** Elizabeth herself. So, what we are gonna do, we are gonna go and walk in that garden ourselves. Follow me.

However, these gardens are not the original gardens. They were actually lost for 400 years and have now been **lovingly recreated**. It's **a haven of tranquility, a myriad of colours**.

So, when you come to this castle, make sure you look around these gardens.

So, what I'm gonna do, I'm gonna **wander around** these beautiful **tranquil gardens** myself. But why do it myself? Why go alone?

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So, I'm going to bring my beautiful **producer** Luka, to come and walk around with me.

So, Luka!

So, this is Luka, our producer at NicheEnglish. And Luka, let's go and have a walk around the gardens.

What a fantastic walk that was. A nice romantic walk through these gardens. I have to say thank you to Luka our producer for doing that.

But, I can imagine myself as the king of England, having these gardens for myself. Every evening having a romantic walk. But to be honest, I can't afford it. So, I'm gonna have to work hard every day to be able to have this for myself.

And you know what they say – keep calm, think of England, and carry on.

So, let's carry on exploring. Let's do it!

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## Stables Tearoom and Museum

### Vocabulary

To recharge my batteries

Magnificent

local grub

local bites

To be awe-struck

Stunningly

To stand in awe

Unwind

Delicious

...you can stroll to...

Interactive exhibition

### Meaning

An expression that means to give yourself more energy.

Amazing.

Local food.

Local food / snacks.

To be amazed by something.

Amazingly.

To look at something with amazement.

To relax.

Tasty.

...you can walk to...

Interactive means that you can communicate with something. An exhibition is where you can see things such as paintings. If the exhibition is interactive, you can touch it and it might have buttons to press where you can learn more information.

Heyday

This refers to the most important time of the castle.

Fabulous

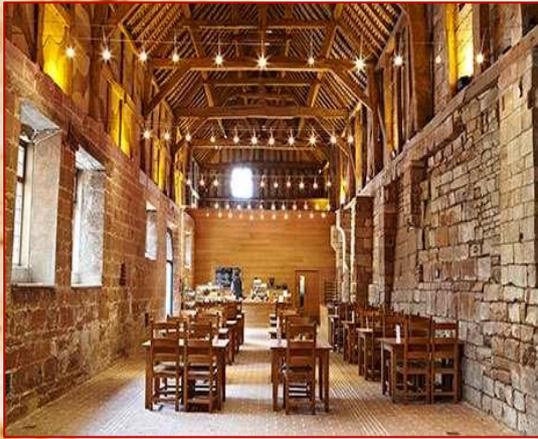
Amazing, impressive, astonishing.

**Timber-Framed means that the main structure is made from wood.**



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This is inside the stunning Timber-Framed Tearoom where you can unwind.

Right!

I need **to recharge my batteries** because I have been walking around this castle all day. This is the **magnificent Tudor Timber-Framed** Tearoom. It has **local grub, local bites**, and a nice cup of English tea.

So, what are we waiting for? Let's go!

As you step inside you will **be awe-struck** by the **stunningly** beautiful timber framed roof.

As you **stand in awe**, you can **unwind** and enjoy the **delicious** local grub. It offers a delicious selection of cakes and light lunches, made from local suppliers.

After you finish your tea, **you can stroll to** the other end of the tearoom and enjoy the **interactive exhibition** which brings Kenilworth's past to life.

You can see how the castle has changed throughout its 900-year history, and what it looked like in its **heyday**.

I'm all full up and ready to go, so let's go and see some more of this **fabulous** castle.

**Time for tea!**



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## The Leicester building



### Vocabulary

### Meaning

**Spectacular**

Amazing.

**Historians**

People who are experts in history.

**Wander up**

To walk up.

**Countless**

Too many to count.

**Wonder why**

To think why.

**In ruins**

If a place is in ruins, it is destroyed and no longer looks like it once did.

**Immerse yourself into**

To 100% involve yourself into something.

**Finest buildings**

Finest here means best.

**Absolutely exhausted**

Very tired.

What you see here is the Leicester building. Robert Dudley built it for the queen and her servants. It's where she lived. It's her private apartments.

Now, for the first time in 350 years, you can actually walk up to the top and see the **spectacular** views of the surrounding countryside.

And let's not forget the relationship between Robert Dudley and Queen Elizabeth herself.

Many **historians**, they can't agree. Did they, or didn't they, that is the question. But we are going to have a look inside, so follow me.

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As you **wander up** the **countless** stairs, tired and in need of a rest, you will **wonder why** you are doing it.

Well, not only are the views **awe-inspiring**, you can also stand in the same private rooms as Elizabeth once did.

Although the tower is **in ruins**, with some imagination, you can also **immerse yourself into** one of Elizabethan England's **finest buildings**.

Fantastic! I made it! Walking up those stairs was worth it. I am **absolutely exhausted**. But to be honest, when you come here, come up to Leicester House, come up to the top because I promise, you can enjoy those spectacular views.

Just have a look.

Ok guys, remember! When you walk up all these stairs you have to remember one thing! You have to walk all the way back down. So, that's what I'm gonna do now.

So, I will see you down there.

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## Conclusion

### Vocabulary

#### Historic

#### Steeped in history

#### Avid history / English learner

### Meaning

Something that is full of history and is important in history.

This means that something is full of history.

You have a keen interest in something and are very enthusiastic in doing it. You love to do it.

So, that's it for today. We have come to the end of our video of Kenilworth Castle. It's a great place, a **historic** castle that's **steeped in history**.

So, if you are an **avid history fan**, an **avid English learner**, come to this castle when you visit the UK.

And don't forget to download the PDF. And remember, keep calm, learn English, and carry on.

See you next time.



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