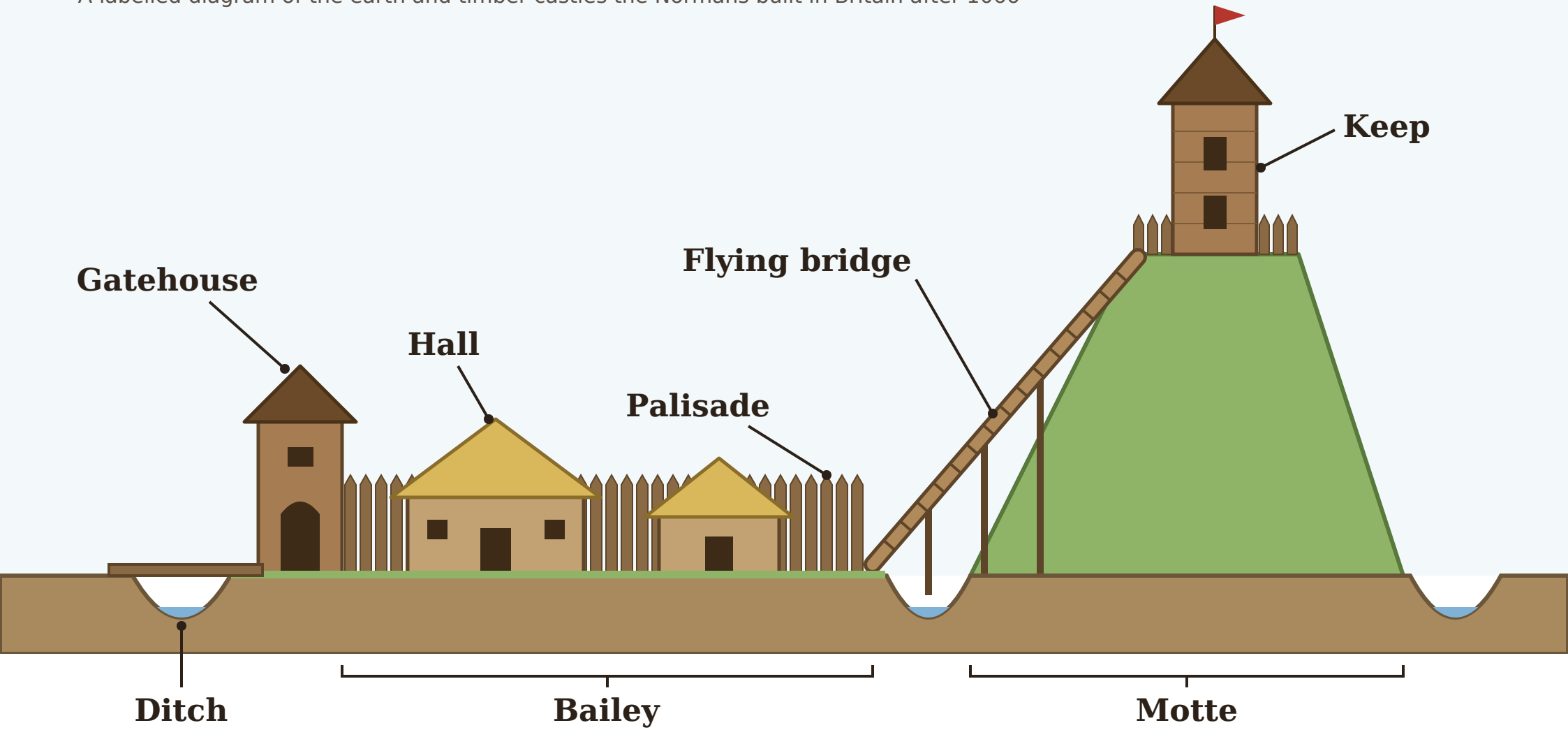
Motte and bailey castle

A labelled diagram of the earth and timber castles the Normans built in Britain after 1066



Keep
Wooden tower on top of the motte. The lord lived here and it was the last place to defend.

Bailey
The enclosed yard below the motte, where most people lived and worked.

Motte
A mound of earth with steep sides, piled up by hand.

Hall
The largest building in the bailey.

Palisade
A fence of sharpened wooden stakes around the bailey and the top of the motte.

Gatehouse
The guarded way in to the castle.

Flying bridge
Wooden bridge and steps from the bailey up to the keep.

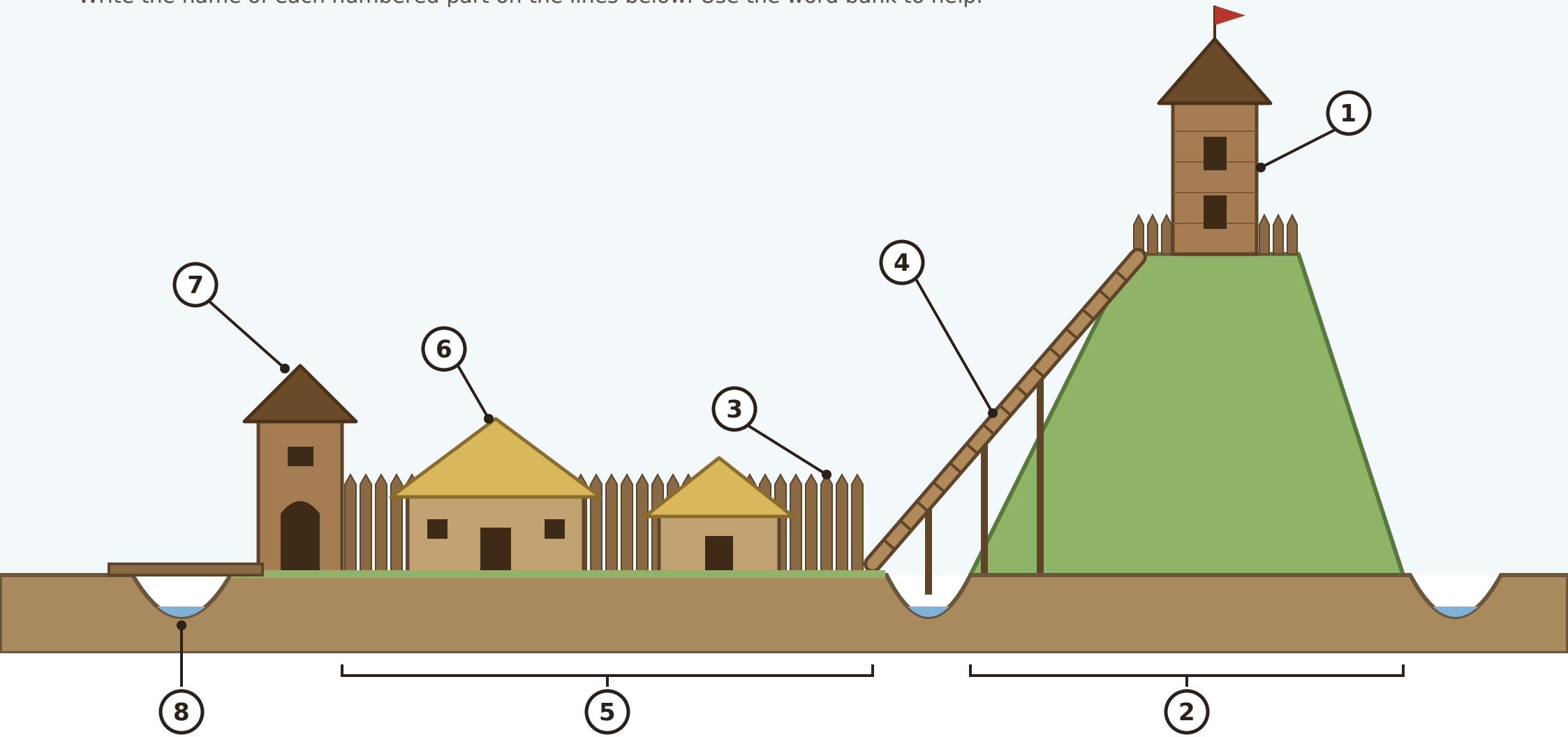
Ditch
Dug around the castle, also called a fosse. The earth from it helped to build the motte.

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Label the motte and bailey castle

Name _____ Date _____

Write the name of each numbered part on the lines below. Use the word bank to help.



1 _____ **2** _____ **3** _____ **4** _____

5 _____ **6** _____ **7** _____ **8** _____

Word bank	bailey	ditch	flying bridge	gatehouse	hall	keep	motte	palisade

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