A Day in the Life of a Tudor Town

Learning objective: To understand the key features and architecture of a Tudor town.

Use your knowledge of Tudor history to illustrate a busy street scene. Use the word bank to help you label your drawing accurately.

Draw: Draw a street scene from the Tudor period. Include a house with a 'timber-frame' structure (dark wood beams with white walls), a steep roof that could be covered in straw 'thatch', and small 'leaded windows' with diamond-shaped panes. Add a 'jetty' where the top floor hangs out over the bottom floor. In the foreground, draw a 'cobbled street' with uneven stones. You may add a Tudor merchant or a market stall to make the scene look busy.

Label words: timber-frame · thatch roof · jetty · cobbled street · leaded windows · wattle and daub

Steps:

1. Explain why Tudor houses often had an overhanging top floor called a 'jetty'.
2. What materials were commonly used to fill the gaps between the wooden beams of a house?
3. Draw an arrow to point to the 'jetty' on your building. Why was this feature popular?
4. List two differences between a Tudor house and a modern house today.
5. If Ellie the Elephant visited a Tudor market, what goods might she see for sale? Name two.