fortress

fort·ress [fortress fortresses] BrE ['fɔ□trəşੈ NAmE ['fɔ□rtrəşੈ noun

a building or place that has been made stronger and protected against attack

- a fortress town enclosed by four miles of ramparts
- Fear of terrorist attack has turned the conference centre into a fortress.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French forteresse 'strong place', based on Latin fortis 'strong'.

Example Bank:

- The fortress fell after a nine-day siege.
- They took refuge in the fortress.
- · The medieval fortress town is enclosed by four miles of ramparts.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: forteresse 'strong place', from Latin fortis 'strong] a large strong building used for defending an important place

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