

Tournaments

Knights were (1) _____ for war **by fighting** each other in **tournaments**, or special contests that test **strength, skill, and endurance**. Tournaments were (2) _____ **outdoors** in a large field near a castle. They were **festive occasions** that (3) _____ lords, ladies, and knights **from the surrounding areas**. Important guests watched the **events** from seats in stands (4) _____ with colorful *cushions, carpets, and tapestries*.

The most popular event was a **joust**. Two **armored knights on horseback** and carrying **blunt lances** (5) _____ **headlong** towards each other **from opposite ends of** the field. Each tried with all his strength and skill to (6) _____ the other to the ground with his lance.

Tournaments were costly **in many ways**. Men and horses were (7) _____ and (8) _____. Lances, **swords**, shields, and *suits of armor* were (9) _____. The **noble** who **gave the tournament** had to feed hundreds of people. **In spite of** the cost, **however**, tournaments (10) _____ popular.

It was (11) _____ that a knight who had not learned to fight in a tournament could not **fight well in a battle**.

- Cover
- Train
- Gallop
- Hold

- Knock
- Kill
- Remain
- Ruin

- Believe
- Attract
- Injure

