

Ellie's Ancient Maya Adventure

Learning objective: To understand key features of the Ancient Maya civilisation, including their location, society, and achievements.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history of the Ancient Maya! Read the questions carefully and select the best answer.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. False (The Maya lived in city-states), 4. Cacao, 5. True, 6. Hieroglyphs, 7. B, 8. True, 9. Mesoamerica, 10. False (They were very skilled at mathematics and astronomy).

Word bank: Mesoamerica · Chichen Itza · Cacao · Hieroglyphs · Rainforest · Astronomy

1. 1. In which part of the world did the Ancient Maya civilisation develop? A) Ancient Egypt B) Mesoamerica* C) The Roman Empire D) Ancient Greece (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Ancient Maya built large stone pyramids. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Maya were ruled by one single king who lived in a capital city. (1 mark)

4. 4. What plant did the Maya use to make a special, frothy drink that was very valuable? (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The Maya developed a complex writing system using symbols. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the system of writing used by the Maya? (Hint: Use the word bank) (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these is a famous Ancient Maya city? A) London B) Chichen Itza* C) Paris D) Rome (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The Maya studied the stars and planets to create accurate calendars. (1 mark)

9. 9. Most of the Maya civilisation was located in dense tropical _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Maya had no understanding of mathematics. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a tall Maya pyramid rising above the trees in a thick, green rainforest. Add a bright parrot in the sky!



Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know more! Research one Maya invention, such as their calendar or their number system, and write three sentences explaining why it was important to them.