

Ellie's Maya Discovery Trail

Learning objective: To identify key features and achievements of the ancient Maya civilisation.

Ellie the elephant has found some interesting objects from the Maya civilisation. Match each item to the correct description by drawing a line or writing the matching letter. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences.

Word bank: pyramids · maize · glyphs · cocoa · calendar

1. A) These are large stone buildings with flat tops used for temples. [Answer: _____] (2 marks)

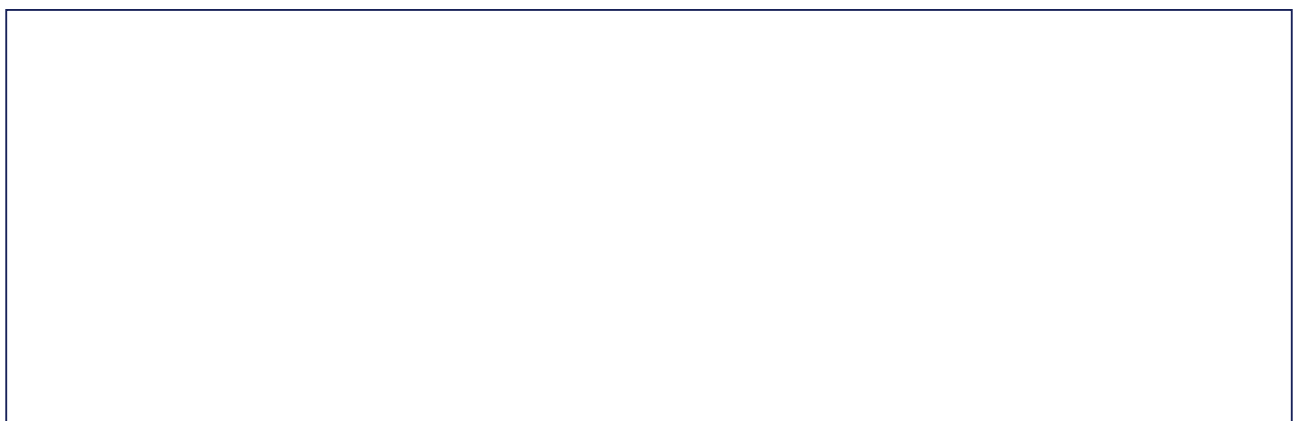
2. B) The Maya people used this special plant to make a chocolate drink. [Answer: _____] (2 marks)

3. C) This was the most important food crop for the Maya people. [Answer: _____] (2 marks)

4. D) These were the special symbols used by the Maya for writing. [Answer: _____] (2 marks)

5. E) This helped the Maya keep track of the days and farming seasons. [Answer: _____] (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a tall Maya pyramid standing in the middle of a green rainforest. _____



Extension challenge: If you could visit an ancient Maya city, what is one thing you would want to ask Ellie about it? Write one sentence.