

Discovering the Maya Civilisation with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify where the Maya lived and name some of their important inventions or features.

Hello! I am Ellie the elephant. I have a great memory for history! Use the word bank to help you answer these questions about the ancient Maya people.

Word bank: Rainforest · Temples · Chocolate · Writing · Calendars

1. The Maya people lived in a hot and wet environment. What is the name of this place? (1 mark)

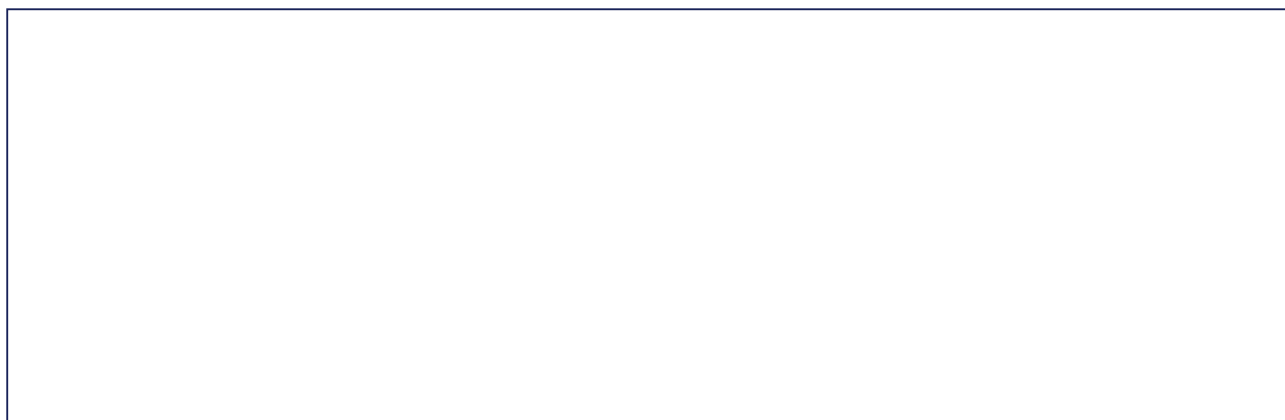
2. The Maya built very tall stone buildings for religious ceremonies. What do we call these buildings? (1 mark)

3. The Maya created a special way to track time. What did they use to measure days and years? (1 mark)

4. The Maya were the first people to use a special drink made from cacao beans. What tasty treat is this? (1 mark)

5. Complete this sentence: The Maya had their own system of _____ to record their history. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a tall Maya temple 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 see? Write one sentence.