

Exploring the Maya Civilisation with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To describe what life was like for the ancient Maya people.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about history. Use these questions to help you write a short report about the Maya civilisation. Use the word bank to help you write your sentences.

A long time ago, the Maya people lived in a place called Mesoamerica.

Word bank: long ago · Maya people · temples · farming · important · because · also · stone buildings

1. Where did the Maya people live and what was the land like? Start your sentence with: The Maya people lived in... (2 marks)

2. What did the Maya people build? Start your sentence with: They were famous for building... (2 marks)

3. What did the Maya people eat or grow? Start your sentence with: The Maya farmers grew... (2 marks)

4. What is one interesting thing you have learnt about them? Start your sentence with: I think it is interesting that... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw a picture of a tall Maya temple next to your writing?