

Ellie's Maya Adventure Quiz

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the Maya civilisation, including their location, farming, and writing.

Hello! I am Ellie the elephant. I have a great memory for history! Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Answer Key: 1. Mexico, 2. Rainforest, 3. Maize, 4. Hieroglyphs, 5. Chocolate, 6. True, 7. False, 8. True, 9. False, 10. True.

Word bank: Mexico · Chocolate · Hieroglyphs · Rainforest · Maize · True · False

1. 1. The Maya lived in a country we now call: A) France, B) Mexico*, C) Japan, D) Egypt (1 mark)

2. 2. The Maya built their cities in the deep: A) Desert, B) Rainforest*, C) Ice, D) City (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the most important crop the Maya grew to eat? (Hint: It is a type of corn.) (1 mark)

4. 4. The Maya used pictures to write. These are called: A) Hieroglyphs*, B) Letters, C) Numbers, D) Scribbles (1 mark)

5. 5. Which delicious drink did the Maya make from cacao beans? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The Maya built giant stone pyramids. (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: The Maya lived in the UK. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The Maya were very good at studying the stars. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The Maya did not have any kings or queens. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Maya used a special number system. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a tall Maya pyramid hidden inside a green rainforest.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Maya farmer. Write one sentence about what you are growing today. Use the word 'maize' in your sentence.