

Ellie's Ancient Maya Adventure Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the Maya civilisation, including their location, society, and achievements.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history of the ancient Maya. Read each question carefully and circle or write your answer clearly.

Answer Key: 1. B; 2. True; 3. Hieroglyphs; 4. A; 5. False; 6. C; 7. True; 8. Astronomy; 9. D; 10. True.

Word bank: Chichen Itza · Hieroglyphs · Maize · Rainforest · Astronomy · Cacao · Temple

1. 1. In which type of environment did the ancient Maya civilisation primarily develop? A) Desert B) Rainforest C) Tundra D) Arctic (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Maya civilisation was made up of independent city-states rather than one single empire. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the complex writing system used by the Maya? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which crop was considered the most important food source for the Maya? A) Maize B) Wheat C) Rice D) Potatoes (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The Maya people used metal coins made of gold to pay for items at the market. (1 mark)

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

7. 7. True or False: The Maya were highly skilled at observing the stars and planets. (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the name of the scientific study of the stars and planets that the Maya excelled at? (1 mark)

9. 9. Which luxury item did the Maya trade that was made from beans? A) Salt B) Jade C) Obsidian D) Cacao (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Maya built large stone step-pyramids to use as temples. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a Maya temple surrounded by lush rainforest trees and _____ tropical plants.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a trader in a Maya city-state. Write a short paragraph explaining what items you are selling at the market and how you would trade them without using money.