My Maya Civilisation Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of the ancient Maya civilisation, including their location, farming, and daily life.

Help Ellie the elephant explore the history of the ancient Maya. Research or recall what you have learnt about this fascinating civilisation and complete the fact-file boxes below. Write in full sentences to show how much you know!

Word bank: rainforest · temples · maize · hieroglyphs · stone · calendar · civilisation · Central America

1. Where in the world did the Maya civilisation live, and what was the environment like? (2 marks)

2. What was the most important crop for the Maya people, and how did they use it? (2 marks)

3. Describe the impressive buildings the Maya constructed. What were they used for? (3 marks)

4. How did the Maya record their history and communicate using writing? (2 marks)

5. Think about daily life: What is one interesting fact about Maya clothing, games, or trade? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Maya architect. On the back of this sheet, design a tall stone temple. Label your drawing with the materials you would use and why you think it would be important to the people in your city.