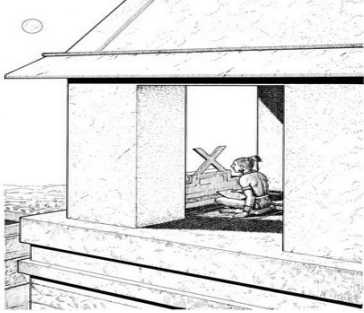




T F

The ancient Maya were accomplished mathematicians, master builders and had developed a complex written language.

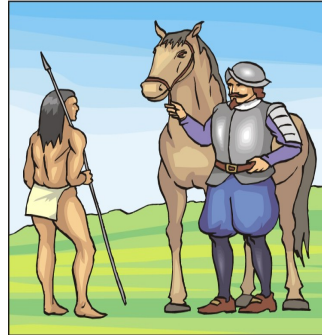


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T F

Maya were accomplished horseman.



2



T F

Unlike the Aztec, the ancient Maya were not ruled by one king. Each Maya city had their own king.



3



T F

The Maya used cacao beans as money.



4



T F

Shaman-priests were skilled doctors. They made medicinal potions from animal dung, urine, crocodile and rooster testicles, bat wings and live toads.



5



T F

The Maya believed the earth was flat with four corners. They also believed that four jaguars of different colors held up the corners of the sky.



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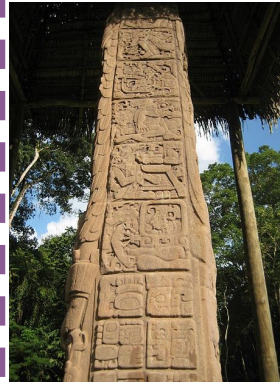
An _____ is an expert who studies ancient writing.



V1



_____ are vertical slabs of stone used to record dates.



Artists used stone chisels and wooden hammers to carve dates.

V2



The Maya created chewing gum, which they called cha. They took the thick, milky sap that oozed out of the wild _____ tree, waited for it to harden and then chewed it.



V3



Weavers made everyday items such as baskets, sleeping mats, fans and hats. One of the plants they used to make these items was the _____ plant. It is a cactus plant and when the pulp is removed by pounding or pressing then sisal fibers remain.



V4



The Maya turned to nature for their instruments. For trumpets they blew into the _____ shell. They made rattles from gourds.



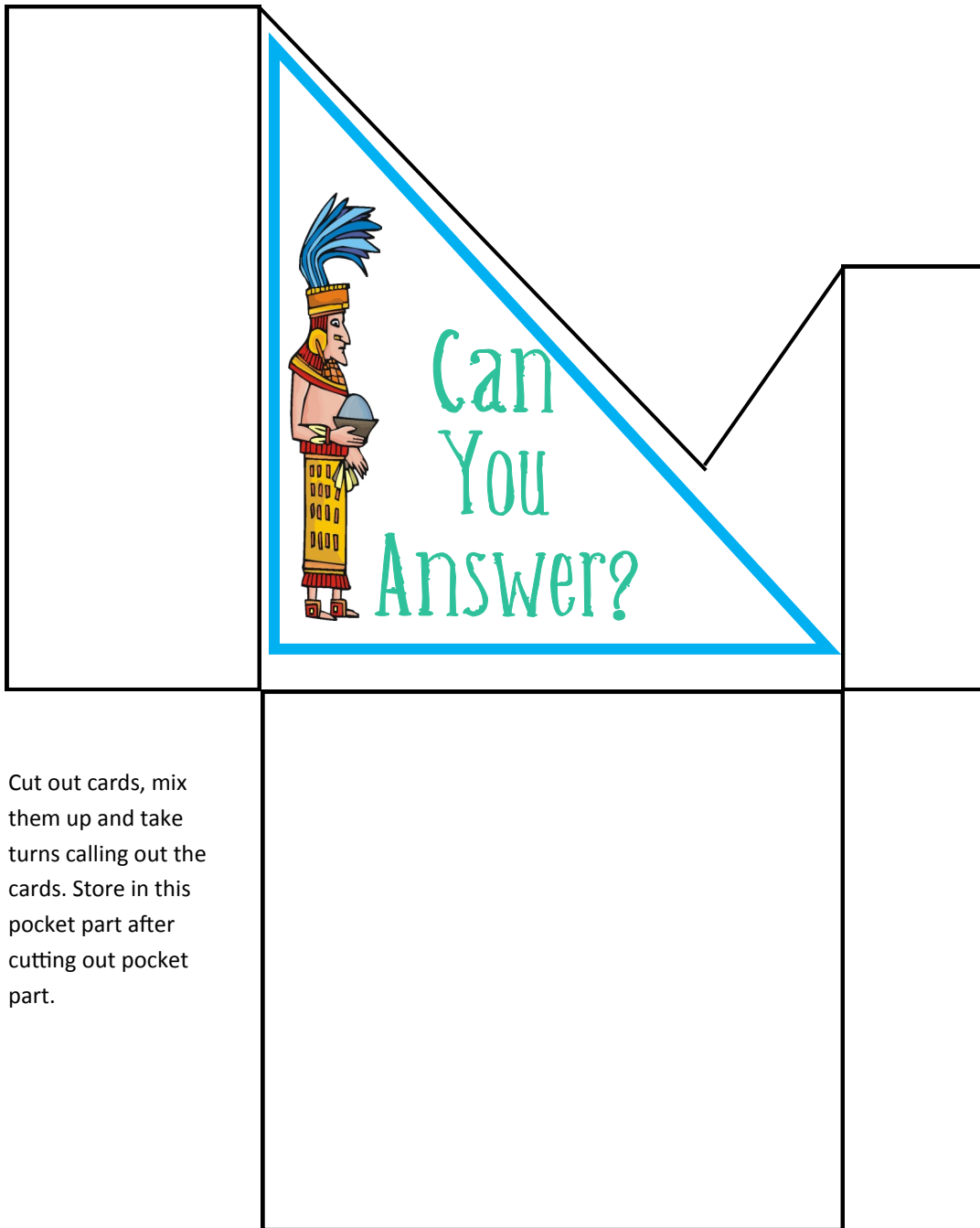
V5



The Maya word for _____ is *witz*, which means "mountain."



V6



Cut out cards, mix them up and take turns calling out the cards. Store in this pocket part after cutting out pocket part.

Answer Sheet

{fold this answer sheet in thirds and store in pocket}

True or False {Look at the number on the bottom right side of each card for the card number.}

1. True.
2. False. The Maya had never seen horses before. The Maya had assumed horses and rider were one when the conquistadors were fighting with them. They were surprised when the men jumped off the horses to keep fighting with them.

3. True.
4. True.
5. True.
6. True

Vocabulary - Fill in the answer. {Look at the bottom right side of each card for the number.....}

V = vocabulary.}

1. epigrapher
2. stelae
3. sapodilla
4. agave
5. conch
6. pyramid