

PLACES TO VISIT IN PERU

Activity 1: Complete the text with *was* or *were*.

THE MYSTERY CITY

Machu Picchu is Peru's number one tourist place today. It is also a mystery.



What was Machu Picchu? Who were its people? We know that Machu Picchu

_____ (was/were) an important city for Incas in 1400s. It _____

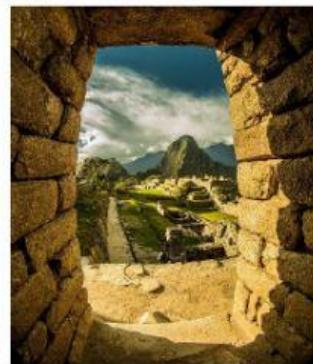
(was/were) also a religious city. The Incas _____ (was/were) sun-lovers,

and Machu Picchu _____ (was/were) on a mountain. It _____

(was/were) a good place to watch the sun. There _____ (was/were) one

hundred and forty buildings, and some of these _____ (was/were) temples.

The Room with Three Windows and the Temple of the Sun _____ (was/were)



Important religious buildings. There _____ (was/were) also houses and about

seven hundred and fifty people in the city. Today, people don't live there, but tourist

from all over the world visit this amazing city.

AN ANCIENT CAPITAL

Chan Chan is an old city near the sea in Peru. Today, there are only ruins and nobody



lives there. But from 850 to 1470 it was the capital of the Chimú Empire. In those days,

it was a very big and important city. In the 1400s, there were about fifty thousand people

in Chan Chan. There were about ten thousand buildings with ten very big palaces.



These palaces were the home of the Chimú kings. They were amazing buildings with very

big walls. Inside the palaces, there were gardens, streets, temples, and many different rooms.

There were beautiful pictures on the walls, and you can see some of these pictures today.

Activity 2: Read the text and choose True or False.

- a- Machu Picchu was an Inca city. TRUE FALSE
- b- There were about 750 houses in the city. TRUE FALSE
- c- There were 140 temples in the city. TRUE FALSE
- d- Chan Chan was a big city in the mountains. TRUE FALSE
- e- Chan Chan was a capital city. TRUE FALSE
- f- There are about 50,000 people there today. TRUE FALSE
- g- There were ten palaces for the Chimú kings. TRUE FALSE