

EXERCISE 1. TRUE OR FALSE

Read the text and write T (True) or F (False).

The Aztecs arrived in the Valley of Mexico around AD 1250. _____

The Aztecs built their capital city on an island in Lake Texcoco. _____

Tenochtitlan was smaller than Rome. _____

The Aztecs created floating gardens to grow vegetables. _____

The water in Lake Texcoco was good for drinking. _____

Both rich and poor children went to school. _____

The Aztecs created a system of free education. _____

The Aztec calendar had 365 days and 18 months of 20 days each.

The Aztecs thought the five extra days were lucky. _____

People still speak Nahua today. _____

EXERCISE 2. MULTIPLE CHOICE (A, B OR C)

Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did the Aztecs create artificial islands?

- A. Because there wasn't much land.
- B. Because they wanted to build bigger boats.
- C. Because they wanted to catch fish.

2. What connected the buildings in Tenochtitlan?

- A. Roads and bridges.
- B. Canals and boats.
- C. Trains and tunnels.

3. Why did the Aztecs need more food?

- A. The population was growing.
- B. They wanted to sell food to Rome.
- C. They didn't know how to cook.

4. What did the Aztecs build to bring fresh water to their homes?

- A. Pyramids.
- B. Floating gardens.
- C. Aqueducts.

5. What could clever Aztec students become?

- A. Engineers, scientists, artists or doctors.
- B. Only farmers.
- C. Only soldiers.

6. How many days were there in each month of the second calendar?

- A. 30 days.
- B. 20 days.
- C. 25 days.

7. What did the Aztecs usually do during the five extra days?

- A. They went to school.
- B. They organised competitions.
- C. They stayed at home.

8. What is Nahua?

- A. A type of food.
- B. The modern Aztec language.
- C. An ancient calendar.

9. What do some Mexican recipes still use?

- A. Ingredients from Aztec times.
- B. Ingredients from ancient Rome.
- C. Ingredients from Europe only.

10. What is the main idea of the text?

- A. The Aztecs only built cities and pyramids.
- B. The Aztecs made important contributions that still influence the world today.
- C. The Aztecs copied everything from other civilisations.