

Read again and fill in the blanks

1. They were _____ artists.
2. They had _____ technology.
3. There were good at _____ canals.
4. They were good _____.

Guide, V = Visitors, WW = Woman, M= Man

G: Many people know that the Aztecs were fantastic artists. But did you know they had very good technology, too? They didn't use wheels for transport because they didn't have the right kind of animals to pull things. But they knew about wheels because they used them for children's toys. You can see an example on this small toy dog.

V: That's cool! Wow! It's so beautiful! Yeah.

Wheels weren't useful because Aztecs didn't have many roads. Their city, Tenochtitlan, was on an island in a big lake. There were lots of smaller islands around it. The best way to travel was by water. So the Aztecs made canals.

W: Really? The Aztecs made canals? I didn't know that. So how did they travel?

G: They used canoes. They made the canoes from trees - they were very good at this. Some of the canoes were very big so 50 or 60 people could travel in them.

M: Excuse me?

G: Yes, sir?

M: I have a question. How many people lived in Tenochtitlan?

G: Well, Tenochtitlan was a very big city, with 200,000 people.

M: And how did the Aztecs feed all these people in a city?

G: They were good farmers and very clever, because they used the water in the lake to grow lots of food. They made small 'fields' in special baskets. They put these in the water so the plants grew very quickly. Corn was the most popular food. People ate it every day. Now, does anyone have any more questions?

W: Oh yes, I'd like to ask...