

Study skills

Using dictionaries to explain words

A dictionary presents words in alphabetical order. For each word there is information about the type of word and its meaning, spelling, pronunciation and use.

pronunciation **type of word** **meaning**
 castle /'kɑːsl/ noun a large building with thick high walls
The king has a beautiful castle on the hill.
example sentence (use)

- 3 Use your dictionaries to explain the words in bold in the text.

Vocabulary Structures

- 4 Match the words to the structures (1-11). What are these words in your language? Use them to make true sentences about Machu Picchu.

baths ☐, fountain ☐, storage rooms ☐, palace ☐, park ☐,
 temple ☐, tower ☐, wall ☐, bridge ☐, pyramid ☐,
 houses ☐

There were baths in Machu Picchu.



Adjectives

- 5 a) Complete the opposites. Use: *small* x2, *modern*, *thin*, *weak*, *ugly*.

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| 1 thick walls ≠ walls | 4 tall tower ≠ tower |
| 2 strong buildings ≠ buildings | 5 huge pyramid ≠ pyramid |
| 3 beautiful palace ≠ palace | 6 ancient town ≠ town |

- b) Fill in: *ancient*, *thick*, *storage*, *stone*, *terraced*, *running*.

- 1 rooms
 2 fields
 3 walls
 4 site
 5 water
 6 buildings

- 6 Ask and answer questions as in the example.

- 1 Where/Hiram Bingham/travel to?
 A: *Where did Hiram Bingham travel to?*
 B: *He travelled to Peru.*
 2 What/he/discover?
 3 Who/live/there?
 4 When/the Incas/build Machu Picchu?
 5 What/buildings/survive?
 6 Earthquakes/destroy them?
 7 What/Inca farmers/construct?

Speaking & Writing

- 7 Make statements using the prompts. Your partner agrees or disagrees.

- 1 Hiram Bingham/a scientist X
 A: *Hiram Bingham was a scientist.*
 B: *Wrong! He was an archaeologist.*
 2 He/American ✓
 A: *He was American.*
 B: *Correct! He was American.*
 3 Hiram Bingham/discover/Machu Picchu/1912 X
 4 The Incas/live/there ✓
 5 Earthquakes/destroy buildings X
 6 Many buildings/survive ✓
 7 Farmers/construct/terraced fields ✓
 8 The Incas/be clever people ✓

- 8 **THINK!** Imagine you are Bingham. In three minutes write a few sentences about Machu Picchu. Read them to the class.

I found amazing things in Machu Picchu.