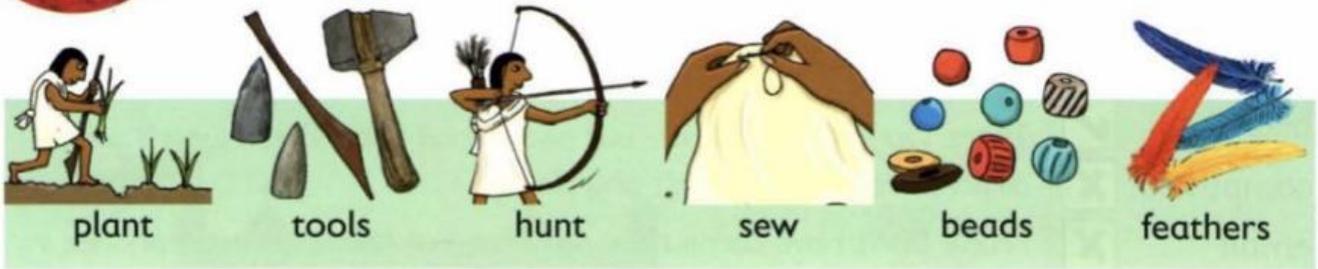


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The Aztecs



Reading

1 Read and listen.

The Aztecs lived in Mexico about 700 years ago. Their biggest city was

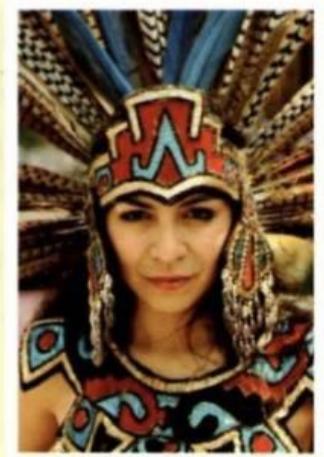
Tenochtitlan. Houses were made of wood. Palaces and temples were made of stone. Around the city the Aztecs had farms and planted fruit and vegetables. They used tools to help them. They hunted and fished, too.



Aztec children learned at home until they were fourteen years old. Then they started school. Boys and girls went to school. At school boys learned to read and write. They didn't write words. They used pictures. The pictures were called hieroglyphics. Girls learned how to cook and sew. They also learned how to look after children.

The Aztecs loved games. They played a ball game on a special sports field. They liked songs and plays too. They had theatres in their city. In the theatres, they watched plays. At festivals they read poems and watched people doing gymnastics and dancing.

The Aztec women sewed beautiful clothes. They used lots of beads. They had amazing hats with lots of feathers.



Comprehension

2 Match. Number the pictures.

- 1 The Aztecs had a big city.
- 2 They planted vegetables
- 3 Aztec writing
- 4 The boys learned to
- 5 They played ball games

- a in farms around the city.
- b read and write.
- c Its name was Tenochtitlan.
- d on special sports fields.
- e used pictures, not words.



3 Read and write *Yes, they did.* or *No, they didn't.*

- 1 Did the Aztecs fish and hunt?
- 2 Did children go to school when they were six?
- 3 Did the Aztecs like playing games?
- 4 Did they have a cinema in their city?
- 5 Did the Aztecs have ugly clothes?
- 6 Did they have beads on their clothes?

Yes, they did.

4 Correct one word in each sentence.

- 1 The Aztecs lived in Mexico about ~~50~~ years ago.
- 2 They had farms inside the city.
- 3 The men learned to read and write.
- 4 The Aztecs hated songs and plays.
- 5 There were feathers on their shoes.
- 6 Boys learned to cook and sew.
- 7 Children started school when they were ten.

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Vocabulary

5 Choose and circle.



In this picture, there are two ¹ women / children and one ² dog / man. The man has got some ³ tools / pictures. One woman is buying some ⁴ hats / beads. The other woman is ⁵ asking / selling the beads and the jewellery. The little girl has got some ⁶ grass / feathers in her hand.



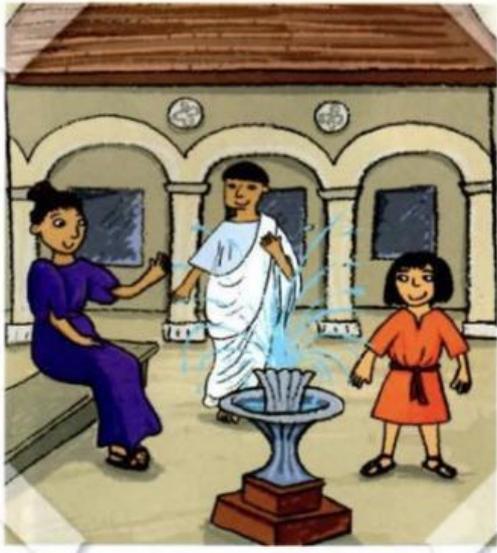
In this picture, the people are ⁷ playing / working on the farm. There is a woman, a man and ⁸ four / two children. The woman is ⁹ hunting / sewing clothes. The man is ¹⁰ hunting / planting animals. The children are planting ¹¹ beads / vegetables.

6 Choose and write.

lived planted tools sewed feathers hunted pictures amazing

- 1 The Aztecs lived _____ in Mexico.
- 2 They _____ vegetables.
- 3 They _____ animals.
- 4 They had good _____.
- 5 They didn't write words, they used _____.
- 6 Their clothes and hats were _____.
- 7 They _____ beads onto their clothes.
- 8 There were lots of _____ on Aztec hats.

Writing



THE ROMANS by Jenny

Houses

The Ancient Romans had big towns and cities. Lots of Romans lived in flats. They lived with their whole families. Mothers and fathers and children and grandparents lived in the same flat. Some Romans had big houses. The big houses had lots of rooms and a garden with a fountain in the middle. These houses had bathrooms, too. The smaller houses didn't have bathrooms.

7 Read and copy the facts into the topic boxes.

loved music and dancing

boys learned maths and history

girls learned at home

liked sport too

~~girls learned music and art~~

had theatres in towns

played ball games and liked running

boys started school at 7 years old

Houses	School	Free time
towns and cities flats big families big houses – lots of rooms gardens and fountains bathrooms in big houses	girls learned music and art	

8 Continue Jenny's project about the Romans. Write two more paragraphs with these headings: *School* and *Free time*.

Use the words and phrases in exercise 7.