

Put the verbs in brackets into the right tense (*past simple, past cont., pr. perfect, past perfect*).

The Mystery of Ancient Civilizations For centuries, people **(be)** _____ fascinated by ancient cultures like Egypt, Pompeii, and Atlantis.

The ancient Egyptians **(build)** _____ the pyramids more than 4,000 years ago. While they **(construct)** _____ these massive tombs, workers **(use)** _____ only simple tools and great skill.

Scientists **(study)** _____ the pyramids for many years, but they still don't know exactly how they were made.

In 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the Roman city of Pompeii. Many people **(try)** _____ to escape while the volcano **(explode)** _____. By the time help arrived, the ash **(bury)** _____ the entire city, and many of the people who **(stay)** _____ behind **(die)** _____ from the heat and gas.

Archaeologists later **(find)** _____ perfectly preserved buildings, food, and even people. Since then, they **(uncover)** _____ thousands of artifacts. Before the eruption, many families **(pack)** _____ their most valuable belongings, hoping to escape.

The story of Atlantis is different. Some believe it never existed. According to legend, Atlantis **(be)** _____ a powerful island that **(disappear)** _____ in a single day and night.

When explorers reached the Americas, some people **(suggest)** _____ that they **(find)** _____ the remains of Atlantis. However, no real proof **(appear)** _____ so far.