

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.