

Discoveries from ancient cultures

PRACTICE

Match each discovery with its correct use or description.



Around 3,000 BC, the Egyptians made a writing material from a plant. They also created a special tool to write, and many pieces of this material still exist today.



This idea appeared later in history. The Mayans and Babylonians used it to replace other numbers, especially in calendars. Later, a Hindu astronomer used it as an independent number.



About 3,000 years ago, the Assyrians created a special lens that helped them see the stars and the sky more clearly.



Around 2,000 years ago, the Chinese invented a metal object that helped people know when the ground was moving. It was very accurate and useful.



About 2,100 years ago, the Romans created a very strong material by mixing stones with volcanic ash. They used it to build large and important buildings, such as the Coliseum in Rome.