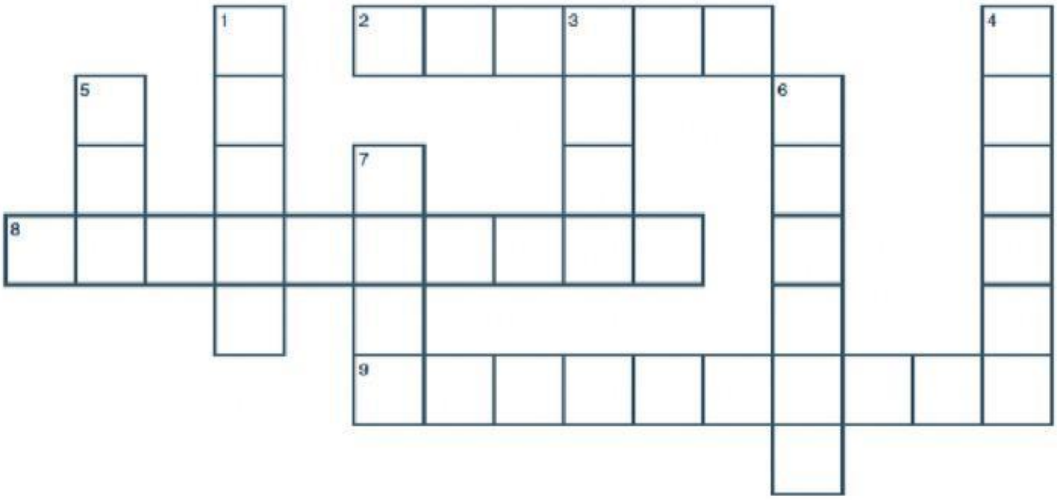
Reading

Before reading

Antes de empezar a leer el texto, resuelve el siguiente crucigrama. Debes completarlo con los verbos en pasado que encontrarás en el texto.

Instructions. Complete the crossword with the past simple form of the verbs in parentheses. Use one letter in each square.



ACROSS

2. The objects _____ that she had high status. (show)
8. Researchers _____ the Red Queen as Tz'ak-b'u Ajaw. (identify)
9. Archaeologists _____ a tomb in 1994. (discover)

DOWN

1. Archaeologists _____ many objects in the tomb. (find)
3. There _____ necklaces and bracelets in the tomb. (be)
4. People _____ her the Red Queen. (call)
5. The sarcophagus _____ a red mineral on it. (have)
6. Women _____ important roles in Maya society. (play)
7. She _____ around the year 672. (die)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Instructions. Read the following text.



Palenque and the Red Queen.

Palenque was an important Maya city. Today, we can visit this place in Chiapas, Mexico. It had beautiful temples, palaces, plazas, and tombs. There were also sculptures and stone inscriptions that tell us about Maya rulers, beliefs, and history. Today, Palenque is an important archaeological site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In 1994, archaeologists discovered a tomb in Temple XIII, near the Temple of the Inscriptions. There was a large stone sarcophagus with the remains of a woman. Her body and the sarcophagus had a red mineral called cinnabar. This is why people called her the Red Queen.

Archaeologists found many objects in her tomb. There was a beautiful mask made of green stones, and there were also necklaces, bracelets, and an elaborate headdress. These objects showed that she was a woman of high status.

Researchers identified the Red Queen as Tz'ak-b'u Ajaw, the wife of Pakal, one of Palenque's most famous rulers. Tz'ak-b'u Ajaw was the mother of two Maya rulers: Kan B'alam and K'inich K'an Joy Chitam. She died in the seventh century, around the year 672.

The Red Queen helps us understand the important role that women played in Maya society. Her tomb and the buildings of Palenque are valuable parts of Mexico's history and cultural heritage.



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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Instructions: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D).



Recuerda que cada respuesta debe corresponder con información que aparezca en el texto.

1. What is the text mainly about?

2. Why is Palenque important today?

3. When did archaeologists discover the tomb?

4. Why did people call the woman the Red Queen?

5. What did archaeologists find in the tomb?

6. What was the relationship between Pakal and the Red Queen?

7. What did the objects in the tomb show?

8. What was the Red Queen's name, according to researchers?

9. What can we learn about Maya society from the Red Queen?

10. When did the Red Queen die?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Trata de hacer esta actividad sin volver a leer el texto. Se trata de ver qué aprendiste, es decir, contesta solo con la información que recuerdes.



Post-Reading Activity

The Red Queen's Mystery

What do you remember about the Red Queen?
Drag and drop the correct option into each box.



1. Where was her tomb?

Temple of the Inscriptions | Temple XIII

2. When did archaeologists discover her tomb?

1984 | 1994

3. What was her husband's name?

Pakal | Kan B'alam

4. When did she die?

Around 672 | Around 762

5. What color was the mineral on her body?

Green | Red

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