

Spelling Words

The following is a list of spelling words. These words are content words related to the Maya, Aztec, and Inca Reader.

During Lesson 10, you will be assessed on how to spell these words. Practice spelling the words by doing one or more of the following:

- *spell the words out loud*
- *write sentences using the words*
- *copy the words onto paper*
- *write the words in alphabetical order*

When you practice spelling and writing the words, remember to pronounce and spell each word one syllable at a time.

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| 1. population | 7. rainforest |
| 2. tropical | 8. indigenous |
| 3. pyramid | 9. temple |
| 4. empire | 10. monument |
| 5. peninsula | |
| 6. civilization | |

The following chart provides the meanings of the spelling words. You are not expected to know the word meanings for the spelling assessment but it may be helpful to have them as a reference as you practice spelling the words.

Spelling Word	Definition
population	the number of people living in a particular place
tropical	relating to the tropics, an area near the Equator where the weather is very warm
pyramid	a large structure with a square base and four triangular sides that form a point at the top
empire	a large territory or group of people under the total control of one ruler or government
peninsula	a piece of land almost entirely surrounded by water that is attached to a larger land area
civilization	a group of people living together in a well-organized way
rainforest	a tropical wooded area with very tall trees that gets a lot of rain
indigenous	produced, living, or existing naturally in a particular area
temple	a building devoted to religious worship
monument	a building or statue that honors a person or an event