

Rainforests of the Maya

Follow-Along Quiz

Answer Key

Vocabulary: Match the word or term with the correct definition

Cenote	D
Stela	G
Biodiversity	F
Caste	A
Mutualism	H
Commensalism	C
Prehensile	I
Milpa	B
Sexual dimorphism	E

A	A specialized form (such as the worker of an ant or bee) of a social insect that carries out a particular function in the colony
B	A plot of land cultivated by the Maya and other indigenous people of Mesoamerica
C	A symbiotic relationship in which one organism benefits while the other receives neither benefit or harm
D	A natural pit or sinkhole resulting from the collapse of limestone bedrock, exposing groundwater underneath
E	Distinct differences in size or appearance between the sexes of an animal in addition to difference between the sexual organs themselves.
F	The variety or variability of life in a habitat or ecosystem
G	A massive stone slab carved with glyphs, often telling a story and documenting the history of a particular Maya settlement
H	A symbiotic relationship in which both organisms benefit
I	Adapted for seizing or grasping especially by wrapping around

Multiple choice (circle the correct answer or answers)

1. Which of the following were innovations by the Maya? Circle all that apply:

Metal tools

The concept of zero

Cement and stucco

2. Which of the following was depicted in the murals at Bonampak?

Ritual blood sacrifice

Spanish conquistadors

The Aztec calendar

3. Rainforests are often called:

The Coral Reefs of the Earth

The Limbs of the Earth

The Lungs of the Earth

4. Which of the following is true of army ants:

They are often followed by "ant birds"

They eat fungus

They are gentle and fun-loving

5. Which are plants that may be grown in a traditional Maya milpa? Circle all that apply:

Beans

Corn

Squash