



**LEVELS 1 - 4**

# **JUNGLE QUEST FUN SHEETS!**

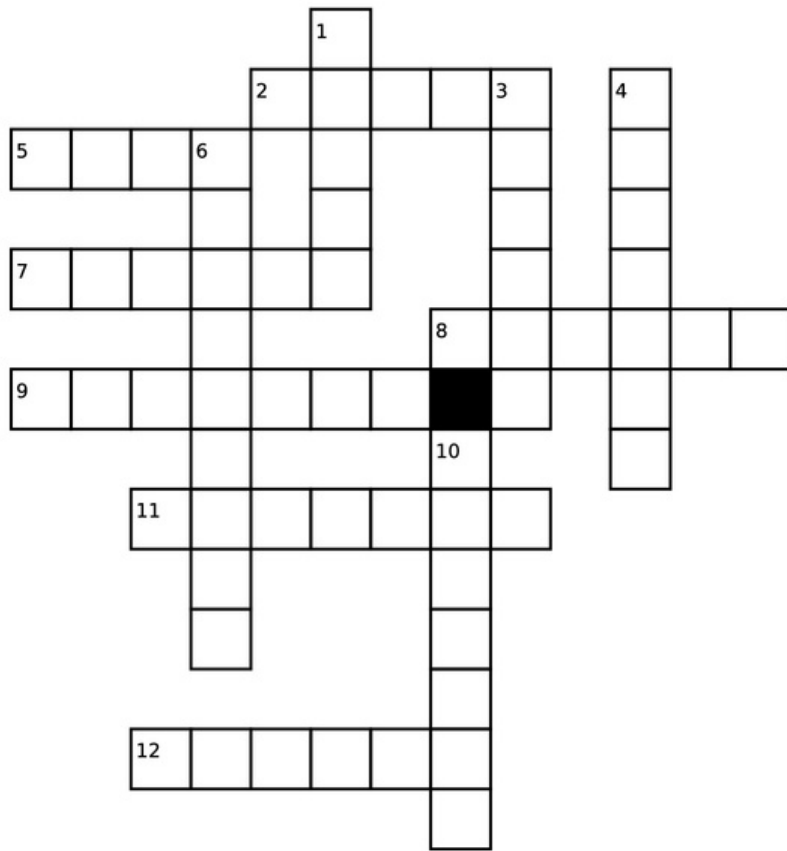
# COLOR YOUR OWN! | Mayan Mask

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# LEARN IT! | Mayan Crossword

Maya  
 Tulum  
 Mexico  
 jungle  
 monkey  
 sundial  
 pumas  
 sloths  
 anteaters  
 temples  
 cenotes  
 pyramid



## Down:

1. a large cat found in the jungle
3. a primate found in the jungle
4. a tool used by the Mayans to tell time
6. a large insectivorous animal that has a long muzzle and tongue perfect for eating bugs!
10. a deep natural well or sinkhole that creates an underground pool

## Across:

2. a major Mayan city that had a wall around it
5. the people of the Mayan Civilization
7. a slow moving animal that lives in the trees of the rainforest
8. the country where the Mayans lived
9. a very large structure built by Egyptians and Mayans, that has a square base and four triangular sides which form a point at the top
11. Often pyramid shaped large stone buildings that Mayans build to honor the gods.
12. a tropical forest thick with trees, other plants, and a variety of animals



# MAGIC MENU! | Mayan Hot Chocolate

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## The Mayan Connection

Do you like to blow bubbles in your chocolate milk, or drink hot chocolate in the wintertime? Well, the ancient Mayans were responsible for creating the first chocolate drinks thousands of years ago! Can you imagine? They called it Xocolatl! The ancient Mayans didn't have refrigerators, stoves, or powdered cocoa mix like we do, instead, they used ingredients we wouldn't even recognize today. Things like fresh cocoa pods, chili peppers, and grinding stones. Would you like to taste hot chocolate just like the Mayans used to drink? Follow this easy recipe at home, and travel back to ancient times!

## Recipe:

- 1 ½ cups (350ml) milk
- ½ cup dark or semi-sweet chocolate chips or 100g dark chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup (120ml) water
- 2 teaspoons honey or sugar or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch cayenne pepper



Heat milk and water on the stove in a saucepan, add chocolate and honey or sugar, stirring until melted. Add cinnamon, vanilla, and cayenne pepper. Pour into a mug and enjoy!



# LEARN IT! | Mayan Civilation

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The Maya are Native Americans of Mexico and Central America. Between 250 and 900 ce the Maya had a way of life that was very advanced for the time. The Mayan civilization began a fast decline after 900. No one knows for sure why this happened.

The Maya lived first in villages and later in cities. Their cities had large temples, stone pyramids, palaces, and ball courts. The Maya created farmland by cutting away the trees and vines of the surrounding rainforest. They grew corn, beans, and squash.

The Maya created a writing system called hieroglyphics, which used pictures instead of words. They also studied the planets and the stars. They used their observations of the heavens to make a very accurate calendar. The Maya also developed a system of mathematics.

The Maya worshipped a number of nature gods. These included gods of the Sun, the Moon, rain, and corn. In religious ceremonies, the Maya killed people they had captured during battle. They thought that the gods needed human blood for nourishment.

