

Super English

Unit 11 - Lesson 1
Wonders of the World



Vocabulary



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ingenuity: the skill of thinking, performing, or using things in new ways, esp. to solve problems (n)



The engineer's design showed great **ingenuity** and creativity.

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excavate: to dig out or remove earth or material from the ground esp. to find old objects buried there (v)



The archaeologists **excavated** the ancient ruins to uncover artifacts from the past.

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sensation: a widespread reaction of interest or excitement (n)



The news of the celebrity's engagement caused a **sensation** on social media.

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criticize: to express disapproval or negative judgment of something or someone (v)



The movie received mixed reviews, with many critics **criticizing** the plot and acting.

Let's Read!



Machu Picchu: An Ancient Citadel of Mystery and Intrigue

Machu Picchu is an ancient Incan citadel located in the Andes Mountains of Peru. It was constructed during the 15th century and was believed to have been built as an estate for the Inca emperor, Pachacuti. The site is situated on a mountain ridge and features stone walls, terraces, and temples that were constructed with incredible precision and engineering.



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Despite its impressive construction, Machu Picchu was abandoned during the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire in the mid-16th century. The exact reason why it was abandoned is unknown, but it is believed that the Inca people fled the site to avoid being captured by the Spanish conquistadors. The site was then left untouched for centuries, hidden from the rest of the world.

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It wasn't until 1911 that Machu Picchu was rediscovered by Hiram Bingham, an American explorer. Bingham was in Peru searching for the lost city of Vilcabamba, the last refuge of the Inca Empire, when he stumbled upon the site. He was immediately struck by the site's beauty and mystery and began to explore the ruins.

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Bingham's discovery of Machu Picchu caused a **sensation** around the world, and the site quickly became a major attraction for tourists and archaeologists alike. However, Bingham's methods of **excavating** and removing artifacts from the site were controversial, and he was **criticized** by many for his actions.

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Over the years, Machu Picchu has become one of the most famous and visited archaeological sites in the world. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1983 and was named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in 2007.

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Despite its popularity, Machu Picchu remains a site of great mystery and intrigue. Many questions about the site remain unanswered, including why it was built, how it was constructed, and why it was abandoned. Archaeologists and historians continue to study the site, and new discoveries are made every year.

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Visiting Machu Picchu is an unforgettable experience that will leave you with a greater appreciation for history, culture, and nature. As you explore the ruins, you'll be transported back in time to a period of great achievement and innovation. You'll see firsthand the incredible engineering and architectural skills of the Inca people and gain a deeper understanding of their culture and way of life.

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In conclusion, Machu Picchu is more than just an ancient ruin. It's a site of great historical significance and a testament to the **ingenuity** and creativity of the Inca people. If you're planning a trip to Peru, make sure to add Machu Picchu to your itinerary. It's an experience you won't soon forget.

Grammar



Compound Adjectives



Compound adjectives are created by combining two or more adjectives to form a single adjective that describes a noun.

We use compound adjectives and adverbs to avoid using longer sentences and confusion.

1. Instead of "a camera that can fit in your pocket," we can use "a **pocket-sized camera.**"
2. Instead of "a car that runs on electricity," we can use "an **electric-powered car.**"
3. Instead of "a phone that has a touch screen," we can use "a **touchscreen phone.**"
4. Instead of "a bike that has an electric motor," we can use "an **e-bike.**"

phonics!





Suffix "ize"

The suffix "-ize" is used to indicate that an action or process is taking place. It is added to nouns or adjectives to create a verb.

maximum - maximize

minimum - minimize

optimal - optimize

standard - standardize

economy - economize

utility - utilize

modern - modernize

custom - customize

natural - naturalize

digit - digitize

terror - terrorize

legal - legalize

polar - polarize

special - specialize

social - socialize

national - nationalize

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