Super English



Unit 11 - Lesson 1 - Wonders of the World



Vocabulary





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.



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.



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





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



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

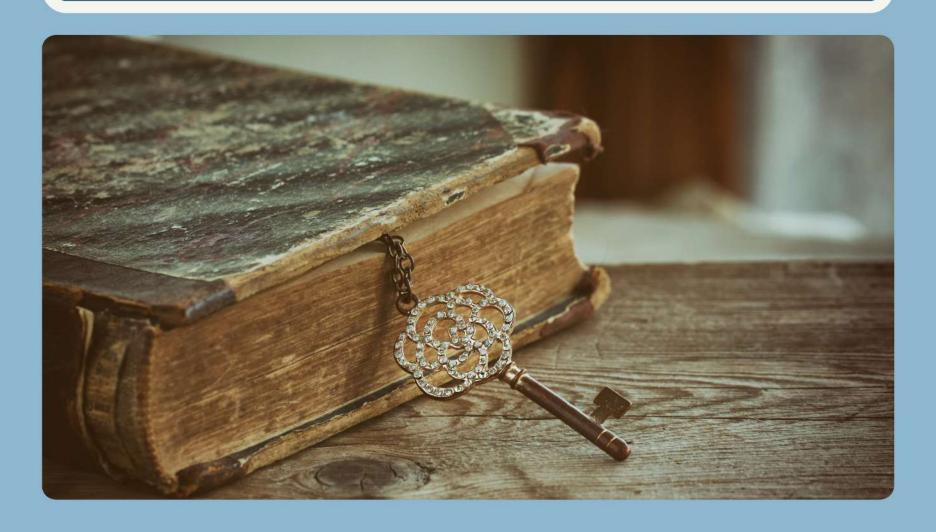




The movie received mixed reviews, with many critics criticizing the plot and acting.



Reading





The Lost City in the Clouds

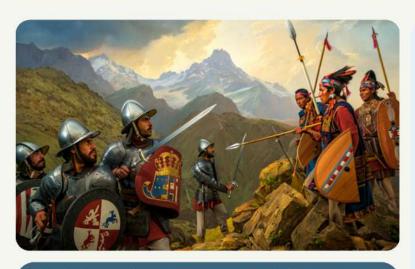
High in the Andes Mountains of Peru lies Machu Picchu, the ancient Incan city that feels almost magical. Built in the 15th century for Emperor Pachacuti, it sits proudly on a ridge surrounded by misty peaks. The stone walls and temples fit together perfectly without any cement, showing amazing skill and precision. Every detail of the city displays the ingenuity of the Inca builders, whose creativity and engineering still leave modern scientists completely fascinated and full of admiration.



- 1. What material did the Incas use to build the city?
- 2. What's something amazing you've seen that shows human ingenuity?



A City Forgotten



- 1. What happened to Machu Picchu after it was abandoned?
- 2. Can you think of another reason the Incas might have left?

During the Spanish conquest in the 1500s, Machu Picchu was mysteriously abandoned. Historians still argue about the reason—some say the Incas hid to escape the conquistadors, while others think disease or lack of food forced them to leave. Whatever the cause, the site disappeared from memory. Over the centuries, the jungle took over, covering the stone buildings with thick vines and moss, leaving behind an untouched city lost in silence high above the clouds.



Grammar





Compound Adjectives

We make a compound adjective by joining two or more words to describe a noun more clearly.

Examples

- A camera that fits in your pocket → a pocket-sized camera
- A car that runs on electricity → an electric car
- A phone that has a touch screen → a touchscreen phone
- A bike that has an electric motor → an e-bike



Let's Talk!





Dialogue 1 – Lost City or Lost Wi-Fi?

Lena: So, Machu Picchu looks amazing, but like... how did they even build that without machines?

Tom: Pure ingenuity, dude. No Wi-Fi, no robots, just brains and rocks.

Lena: I'd die without my phone before building anything like that.

Tom: Same, but imagine the view up there! No noise, no homework... just llamas.

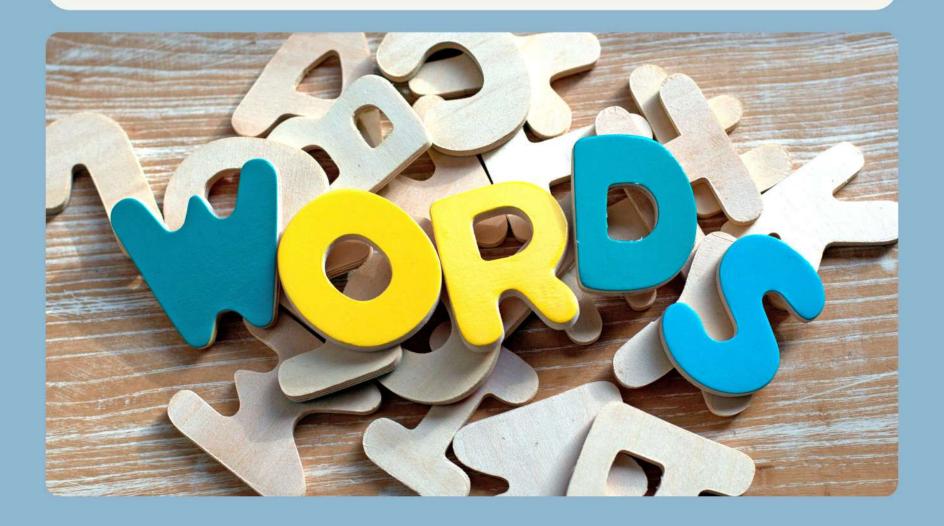
Lena: Okay, fine, that does sound kinda perfect.

Tom: Yeah, ancient life goals, honestly.

Question: Would you rather live in nature like the Incas or in a big modern city?



Unlocking Word Parts





The Suffix "-ize

The **suffix "-ize"** means **"to make"** or **"to become."** It is added to nouns or adjectives to form verbs that show an action or process.

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maximum - maximize
minimum - minimize
optimal - optimize
standard - standardize
economy - economize
utility - utilize
modern - modernize
custom - customize
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natural - _____
 digit - _____
terror -
 legal - _____
polar - _____
special - _____
social - _____
national - _____
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See you next time!

