

Super English



Unit 11 - Lesson 1 - Wonders of the World

Vocabulary



Wonders - 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.

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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.

Wonders - Vocabulary

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.

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

A word cloud centered around the word "grammar". The word "grammar" is the largest and most prominent, written in a bold, dark blue font. Surrounding it are various other words in different sizes, colors, and orientations, including: "language", "word", "text", "teach", "education", "speech", "book", "school", "idiom", "phrase", "structure", "knowledge", "career", "message", "professional", "lecture", "vocabulary", "adjective", "punctuation", "definition", "understanding", "mastery", "information", "linguistic", "conceptual", "pronoun", "error", "past", "period", "abstract", "verb", "elementary", "communication", "concept", "lesson", "slang", "correct", "homework", "spelling", "clause", "speak", "formal", "tense", "learn", "grammatical", "dictionary", "writing", "letters", "mastering", "reading", "literature", "understand", "idea", "adverb", "page", "noun", "metaphor", "teacher", "idioms", "writing", "letters", "mastering", "reading", "literature", "understand". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central word "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.

maximum - maximize

minimum - minimize

optimal - optimize

standard - standardize

economy - economize

utility - utilize

modern - modernize

custom - customize

natural - _____

digit - _____

terror - _____

legal - _____

polar - _____

special - _____

social - _____

national - _____

See you next time!

