

Mayan Jungle Adventure Glossary

ancestors People directly related to a person or to a group of people who lived farther back in time than grandparents.

ancient Very old; often hundreds of years old, or even older.

arrow A stick with a pointed head on one end and feathers on the other end to help it fly straight.

Asian Something from Asia, the large continent in the eastern half of the Earth north of the equator.

blowgun A hollow tube used to shoot a small arrow by blowing air with a quick puff into the other end.

caiman A South American reptile similar to an alligator.

Choco A member of one of the rainforest tribes who use blowguns and poisoned darts for hunting.

dart A small pointed arrow used in a blowgun.

emergency An accident that requires immediate action.

glyph A picture symbol used in writing to represent a word or sound.

ibis A tropical wading bird with a long, thin bill that curves down.

jaguar A spotted jungle big cat of Central and South America that is larger and stronger than a leopard.

jungle A place where thick, tangled tropical plants make it difficult to walk through.

Maya An ancient civilization in Central and South America that built big cities about 1500 years ago. The Mayan people still live in that area today.

Olmec An ancient civilization in Central and South America that laid many of the foundations for the civilizations that followed, including the Maya.

poison Any material that kills a person or animal, or causes harm, if touched, breathed, or swallowed.

poisonous A word describing a snake or other animal that has poison in its bite or on its skin.

rainforest A wooded area that gets at least 100 inches (254 centimeters) of rain every year.

ruins The remains of old, destroyed buildings.

scarlet A bright red color.

South American Something from South America, the continent below the equator and on the opposite side of the Earth from Africa.

spooky Something scary, usually dark.

steamy Uncomfortably hot and damp.

tamarin A small South American monkey related to a