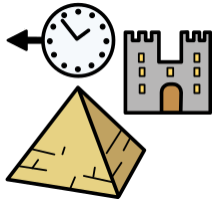


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ancient

Ancient means belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.



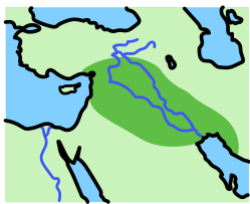
civilisation

Is a society with its own social organisation (written records, system of government) and culture (beliefs and customs).



excavate

An excavation is a project to dig something from the past out of the ground.



Mesopotamia

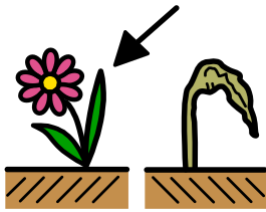
The land between two rivers.



trade

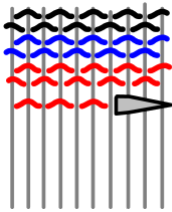
Buying and selling things is called trade.

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fertile

Able to support the growth of plants.



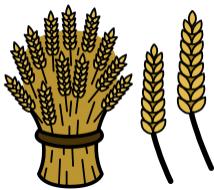
weave

Is a process where two fibers interlock to make useful objects like baskets and cloth.



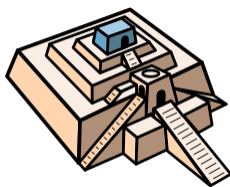
herding

Keep or look after livestock (animals).



crops

Plants grown for cereal, fruit or vegetables.



ziggurat

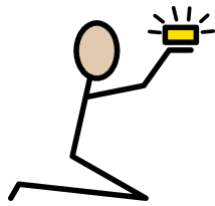
A ziggurat is a stepped temple tower in the shape of a pyramid, with each higher level smaller than the one below it.

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cuneiform

The word cuneiform means 'wedge-shaped,' and this description is very appropriate. Cuneiform characters are wedge shaped because they were carved into soft clay tablets.



sacrifice

If you sacrifice something that is valuable or important, you give it up, usually to obtain something else for yourself or for other people.



settle

Settlements are places where people live and sometimes work. They can be small or large depending on how many people live there and how many facilities there are.



archaeologist

An archaeologist is someone who looks at ancient sites and objects to learn about the past.



river

A river is a large natural stream of water that flows over land.