

World 05: The Prehistoric Temples of Malta (Malta)



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Exercise 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions (Vocabulary and Expressions)

Directions: Listen and repeat.

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Vocabulary and Expressions	Example
prehistoric (prehistoric)	The team has found prehistoric weapons in the cave.
farmer (farmer)	My grandfather was a cattle farmer .
inhabited (inhabited)	Easter Island is not inhabited by anyone.
chamber (chamber)	The main chamber of the house features a huge chandelier.
restricted (restricted)	We must not go there. That area is restricted .
priest / priestess (priest / priestess)	I really liked the priest at their wedding. He was a nice man.
ritual (ritual)	Baptism is a Christian religious ritual .
come to mind (come to mind)	He is the first person that comes to mind when I need help.

Exercise 2 | Dialogue (Dialogue)

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

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Monica is telling her sister, Alex, about the ancient temples of Malta.

Monica : Did you know that the oldest buildings in Europe, and possibly the whole world, are located in Malta?

Alex : I had no idea! That's interesting. When I think about ancient Europe, the Romans and Greeks **come to mind**.

Monica : Malta became part of the Roman Empire, but much later. This is **prehistoric** Malta, the buildings are from that period of time. They're even older than the Pyramids of Egypt.

Alex : And what kind of buildings were those?

Monica : Those were some large, stone temples with, surprisingly, small **chambers**.

Alex : Why is that?

Monica : It is believed that the access was **restricted**, that only the **priests** and **priestesses** would enter the chambers and perform **rituals** for the gods.

Alex : And who were the people that lived there?

Monica : The first people that **inhabited** the islands were **farmers** from the island of Sicily. There's more to know about their history, are you interested?

Alex : Sure! But let's continue later!

Monica : All right!

Exercise 3 | Filling in the Blanks (Filling in the Blanks)

Directions: Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

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1. That house has not been _____ for years. I have never seen anyone there.
2. The _____ officiated the wedding ceremony.
3. Please lead the guests to that _____.
4. My grandfather was a _____.
5. In every culture, there are certain _____ for every important event.
6. I tried to think about a plan, but nothing _____.
7. The access is _____ in that area. No one can go there.
8. I like to read about the _____ and ancient people.

ritual	inhabited
chamber	come to mind
priest	restricted
farmer	prehistoric

Exercise 4 | Free Conversation (Free Conversation)

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1. What can you tell us about the oldest buildings in your country?
2. Are there temples in your country?
3. Would you like to visit the prehistoric temples of Malta? Why or why not?
4. Can you give us an example of a ritual performed at a certain event?