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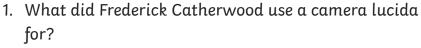












Accept: Frederick Catherwood used a camera lucida to ensure that his drawings had accurate proportion and perspective.

2. Find any two words meaning **exact** or **clear**. Accept 'accurate', 'meticulous', 'precise' or 'detailed'.

3. Why did Victorian people have to **speculate** about Maya life?

Accept a reasonable explanation that there were/ are no definite answers so Victorians had to use the images to make sensible estimates about life in Maya times.

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