



Mayan Pyramids

The Maya are well known for their pyramids. They built two types of pyramids. Both had the familiar pyramid shape and steep steps of the side by which people could climb to the top. Both types were built for religious purposes and for the gods. The difference between these two types of pyramids are as follows. The first type had a temple at the top. Priests climbed up to this temple to sacrifice to the gods. Important religious ceremonies were held in these temples. The second type of pyramid was built to a god. These pyramids were not meant to be climbed or touched at all by humans. The steps were usually too steep to climb. This second type of pyramid sometimes had secret doors, tunnels, and traps.

Draw a picture of a Mayan pyramid. Which type of pyramid is it? Be sure to show this in your drawing.

This pyramid is

You can see this in the picture because

