

WHOLE WIDE WORLD **ANGKOR WAT**

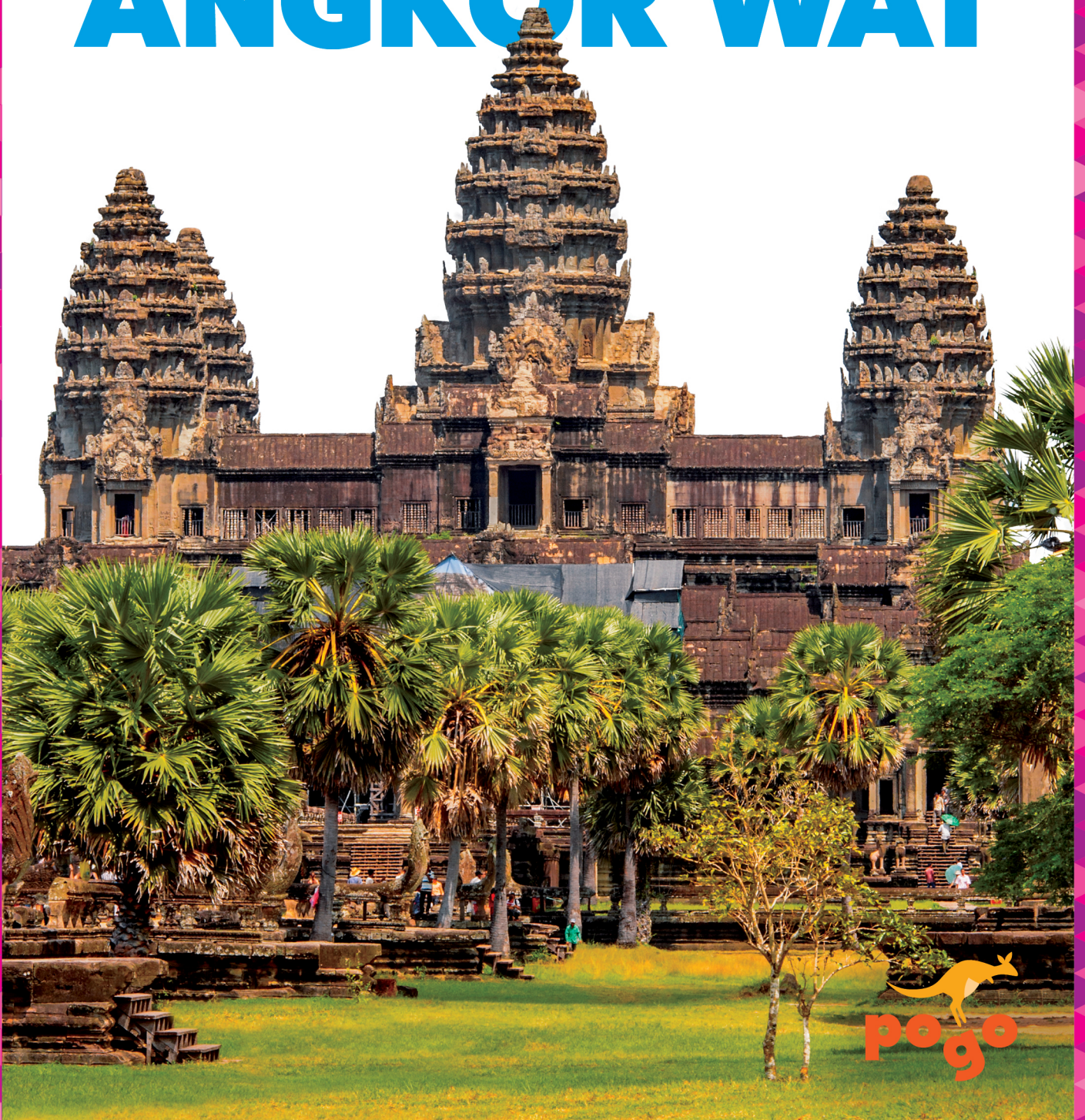


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CHAPTER 1

CITY TEMPLE

Rising above the thick forest in Cambodia is a **temple**. It is the largest religious **structure** in the world!





Make your way through
the forest. Then cross
a **causeway**. You are
at Angkor Wat!

causeway

Angkor Wat means “city temple.” King Suryavarman II had it built in the early 1100s. He wanted a great temple for Hindu **worship**.

A **moat** surrounds the temple. It is more than three miles (4.8 kilometers) around.

DID YOU KNOW?

This area was once the center of the Khmer **Empire**. It was one of the largest kingdoms in southeast Asia.





moat





An aerial photograph of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia. The image shows the massive stone structures of the temple, including the long, multi-tiered galleries and the central tower, surrounded by lush green trees and grass. The sky is clear and blue.

More than 300,000 people helped build Angkor Wat. It took more than 30 years! It is made of sandstone. It has three levels. They get smaller at the top.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Stone lasts a long time. But it is heavy and hard to move. Wood is light and easy to cut. But it falls apart over time.

What materials would you use to build a structure? Why?

