

Social studies

Grade 4

Ancient Egypt

Explore pyramids, pharaohs and life along the Nile.



I can describe how people lived in ancient Egypt.



1



Fill the gaps

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.



WORD BANK

hieroglyphs

Nile

pharaohs

pyramids

1. Ancient Egyptians lived along the river _____.
2. The kings of Egypt were called _____.
3. Egyptian picture writing is called _____.
4. Great tombs for kings were built as _____.

2



True or false

Circle true or false.

1. The Nile flooded every year and made the soil rich.
2. Pyramids were built as homes for farmers.
3. Egyptians wrote on paper made from papyrus.

True

False

True

False

True

False

3



Word hunt

Find the words in the grid.

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V	V	P	P	H	A	R	A	O	H
O	F	H	B	I	H	W	W	N	T
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FIND THESE WORDS

- ☐ Nile
- ☐ Pharaoh
- ☐ Pyramid
- ☐ Mummy
- ☐ Sphinx
- ☐ Papyrus
- ☐ Tomb

4



Egyptian words

Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

☐

Pharaoh

☐

Mummy

☐

Scribe

☐

Sphinx



A. a body dried and wrapped to keep it for the afterlife



B. a statue with a lion's body and a human head



C. the king of Egypt



D. a person trained to read and write hieroglyphs

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Pick the answer

Circle the right answer.

1. Egypt is in...

A Africa

B South America

C Europe

2. Which desert covers most of Egypt?

A the Gobi

B the Sahara

C the Atacama

3. What did farmers grow by the Nile?

A potatoes

B maize

C wheat

4. Where is the Great Pyramid?

A Rome

B Giza

C Athens

6

**Making papyrus**

Number the steps from 1 to 5.

☐

Press the layers flat and let the sheet dry.

☐

Cut papyrus reeds by the Nile.

☐

Write on it with ink and a reed pen.

☐

Peel the stems and slice them into thin strips.

☐

Lay the strips side by side in two crossed layers.

7

**Who did what?**

Write each job in the right box.

grew wheat and barley

wrote in hieroglyphs

looked after cattle

recorded the harvest

was buried in a great tomb

ruled the country

Pharaoh

Farmer

Scribe

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**Think and write**

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How did it go?



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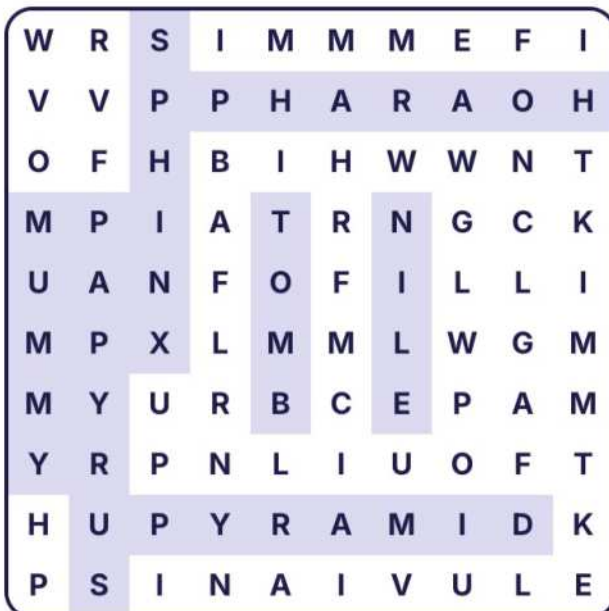
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