

# Ancient Egypt and the Pyramids

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Ancient Egypt was a great **civilization** long ago. It was in Africa, along the Nile River. The Egyptians built amazing things that we can still see today. They lived over 4,000 years ago!

The most famous buildings are the **pyramids**. The pyramids were tombs for the **pharaohs**, who were the kings of Egypt. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the biggest. It took 20 years to build!

Egyptians also made **mummies**. When a pharaoh died, they wrapped the body in cloth. They put the mummy in the pyramid with gold and **treasures**. They believed the pharaoh would need these things in the afterlife.

The Egyptians invented many things. They created a **calendar** with 365 days. They wrote using pictures called **hieroglyphics**. They also built huge statues called the Sphinx.

Scientists called **archaeologists** study ancient Egypt. They dig up old tombs and find amazing things. We still learn new facts about Egypt today. It is one of the most **fascinating** places in history!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. civilization ____   | a. picture writing from Egypt              |
| 2. pyramids ____       | b. large triangle-shaped stone buildings   |
| 3. pharaohs ____       | c. bodies wrapped in cloth to save them    |
| 4. mummies ____        | d. kings of ancient Egypt                  |
| 5. treasures ____      | e. scientists who study old things         |
| 6. calendar ____       | f. places where dead people are kept       |
| 7. hieroglyphics ____  | g. valuable things like gold               |
| 8. archaeologists ____ | h. a group of people with a shared culture |
| 9. fascinating ____    | i. a chart showing days and months         |
| 10. tombs ____         | j. very interesting                        |

## B. True or False

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| 1. Ancient Egypt was in Europe. _____          | 2. The pyramids were tombs for pharaohs. _____ | 3. The Great Pyramid took 20 years to build. _____ |
| 4. Egyptians used an alphabet like ours. _____ | 5. Pharaohs were the kings of Egypt. _____     | 6. Mummies were wrapped in cloth. _____            |
| 7. The Egyptian calendar had 400 days. _____   | 8. The Sphinx is a large statue. _____         | 9. Archaeologists study ancient things. _____      |

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** civilization, pyramids, pharaohs, mummies, treasures, calendar, hieroglyphics

1. Ancient Egypt was a great \_\_\_\_\_ long ago.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ were tombs for the kings.
3. The kings of Egypt were called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Egyptians wrapped dead bodies to make \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Egyptians wrote using pictures called \_\_\_\_\_.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. Where was ancient Egypt located?
2. What were the pyramids used for?
3. How long did it take to build the Great Pyramid?
4. What are hieroglyphics?
5. What do archaeologists do?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Would you like to visit the pyramids? Why?
  2. What would you put in your tomb?
  3. Why do you think people still study Egypt today?
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## Answer Key

**A. Vocabulary:** 1-h, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c, 5-g, 6-i, 7-a, 8-e, 9-j, 10-f

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-civilization, 2-pyramids, 3-pharaohs, 4-mummies, 5-hieroglyphics

**D. Comprehension:** 1. In Africa, along the Nile River; 2. As tombs for pharaohs; 3. 20 years; 4. Picture writing from Egypt; 5. They study ancient things by digging up old tombs