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Curiosities about Egypt

Doctor, doctor!

The ancient Egyptians were very smart when it came to medicine – the earliest known surgery was performed here in around 2,750 BC!

They also invented mummification, a way of preserving the bodies of important people, like pharaohs, after they had died. Their organs would be removed, and the brain dragged out through the nostrils with a hooked tool – eww! The body would then be dried with a kind of salt, coated in plant resin, and wrapped in strips of linen before being buried.

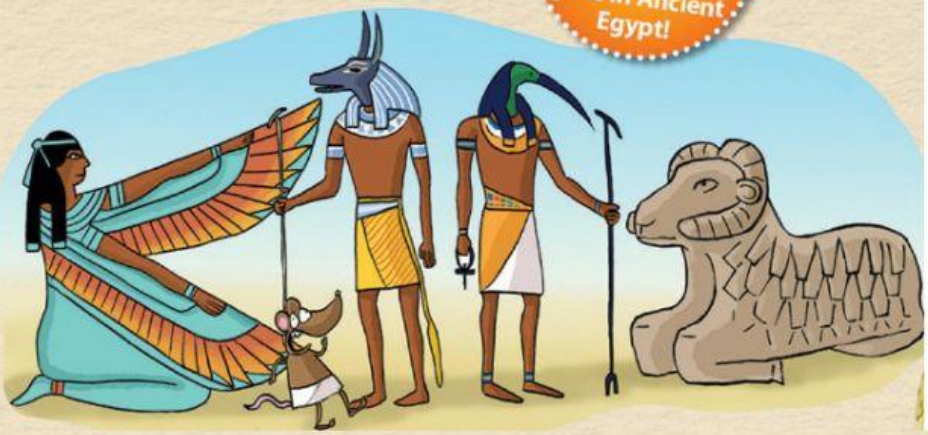
It's thanks to mummification that many ancient Egyptian bodies still survive more or less intact today!

Did you know...? Archaeologists discovered many more mummies of cats than people!

Heavenly creatures

Did you know...? There were over 2,000 names of gods in Ancient Egypt!

Ancient Egyptians worshipped many different gods and goddesses. Some were important only to certain parts of the country, but others were honoured by *everyone* – and they included…



ANUBIS
With the body of a man and the head of a jackal, Anubis was the god of the dead, and also of mummification. Yikes!

AMUN-RE
Believed to be the father of all the pharaohs, and king of all the gods, the ram-headed Amun-Re was crowned with a Sun-like disc.

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MAAT

The goddess, Maat, stood for truth and justice. Egyptians believed she controlled the seasons and the movements of the stars.

THOTH

Representing writing, wisdom and magic, Thoth had the head of an ibis (a heron-like bird) and was often shown with a writing tablet.

1. Answer the sentences about the curiosities.

   a) When was the earliest known surgery performed?

   _____

   b) What technique was used to preserve the bodies of important people?

   _____

   c) Say the name of two gods or goddesses.

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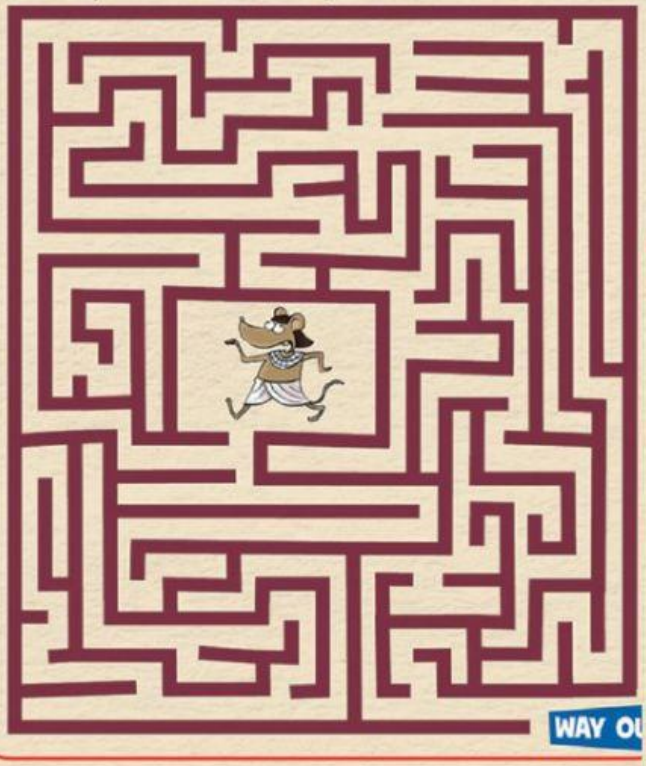
MUMMY TROUBLE

Uh-oh! Max has disturbed a mummy deep in the tunnels of its secret tomb. Can you help him find the way out – and quickly?!



PYRA-MUDDLE

Can you find these 14 words to do with ancient Egypt in the grid below? They could be written forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally.

- Art
- Asp
- Cat
- Gold
- Maat
- Mummy
- Mud
- Nile
- Pepi
- Pharaoh
- Sahara
- Sarcophagus
- Thebes
- Tomb

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