

UNIT 2 “Countries, Cultures and Customs”

LESSON 1

SECTION 2: LET'S PRACTICE

The Giza Pyramid

I. Read the text and underline words related to places.

- Lee el texto y subraya todas las palabras relacionadas con lugares que puedas encontrar.



The Giza Pyramid

The Great Pyramid at Giza is one of the world's most amazing landmarks. Rising high above the Sahara Desert in the Giza region of northern Egypt, the Great Pyramid stands some 450 feet into the burning desert sky and occupies an area of 13 acres. The rough climate of the Sahara has actually caused the pyramid to shrink 30 feet from its original height. The pyramid was such an amazing feat of engineering that it remained the tallest structure in the world for over 3800 years! The entire pyramid was originally faced with polished limestone to make it shine brilliantly in the sun.

Most Egyptologists, scientists who study ancient Egypt, agree that the Great Pyramid was built around 2560 BC, a little more than 4,500 years ago. It took tens of thousands of workers twenty years to build. The pyramid contains over two million stone blocks. Although most of the blocks weigh two or three tons, some weigh up to 80 tons!

The Great Pyramid of Giza was ordered built by the Pharaoh Khufu as a magnificent tomb. His vizier (advisor), Hemon, is credited with being the pyramid's architect. Khufu's pyramid is actually part of a complex of pyramids that includes the Pyramid of Khafre, the smaller Pyramid of Menkaure, a variety of smaller pyramids and structures, and the Great Sphinx. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last remaining of the Seven Wonders of the World.

key words

amazing: asombroso
landmarks: punto de referencia
shrink: encoger

2. Read the text again and circle the correct answer.

- Lee el texto nuevamente y encierra en un círculo la respuesta correcta.

1. Giza is a:

- a) pyramid
- b) desert
- c) a tomb

2. It's one of the world's most landmarks.

- a) beautiful
- b) interesting
- c) amazing

3. Giza remained as the structure for over 3800 years.

- a) Biggest
- b) Tallest
- c) highest

4. The Great pyramid was built around

- a) 4500 BC
- b) 3800 BC
- c) 2560 BC

5. It was ordered built by an

- a) architect
- b) a scientist
- c) a Pharaon

3. Complete the table with information from the text.

- Completa la tabla con información del texto.

The Giza Pyramid

Who Built the Giza Pyramid? ¿Quién construyó la Pirámide de Giza?	
When was it build? ¿Cuándo fue construída?	
What does it contain? ¿Qué contiene?	
What was Giza ordered build for? ¿Para qué se ordenó la construcción de Giza?	