

The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the most important symbol of Egypt and it **1** **(BE)** also the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. We can find it in Giza , near the modern city of Cairo. The pyramid **2** **(RISE)** to a height of 146 metres and it **3** **(CONTAIN)** over two million blocks of stone. Some people **4** **(NOT THINK)** it was built by humans, because the blocks are really heavy!



In 1880, archaeologists **5** **(DECIDE)** to excavate the site for the first time. They had a big question in mind: “Why **6** the Ancient Egyptians **(BUILD)** this big structure?” They **7** **(WORK)** for a long time but they **8** **(NOT FIND)** any written record that explained why the pyramid was built. However, they **9** **(FIND)** a lot of evidence to form a theory about why the pyramid was built.

Archaeologists believe that a long time ago, the pharaoh Sneferu **10** **(want)** to build a pyramid as a tomb for him. The pharaoh **11** **(HAVE)** many slaves and he ordered these men to build a big pyramid for him. But he **12** **(NOT SEE)** his project finished. Some years later, Sneferu **13** **(DIE)** and his son Khufu **14** **(BECOME)** the new king. During his reign the construction of the big tomb **15** **(FINISH)**

For many years, Archaeologists **16** **(study)** Egyptian objects, mummies, papyruses and any other evidence of the past and they **17** **(USE)** this evidence to imagine how life in Egypt was like hundreds of years ago. Thanks to them, nowadays we **18** **(KNOW)** a lot about life in Ancient Egypt.

People are so fascinated by Ancient Egypt that every year millions of tourists **19** **(TRAVEL)** to Egypt to visit this incredible site. They take pictures of the big pyramid and they go on tours to see the ancient pharaoh’s tomb, but they **20** **(NOT TOUCH)** the tomb, because many stories say it’s haunted!