

THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS



Egypt was one of the world's first civilizations. The Egyptian kings, called the Pharaohs, instructed the people to build the pyramids. The people buried the Pharaohs in these large buildings. First, there was a religious ceremony in a temple nearby. Then the people carried the coffin inside the pyramid.

Architects designed the pyramids, but the workers were farmers from the fields near the River Nile. There were no tools or matches, so the workers used their hands. They worked for many years. Many of them died because it was hard work. The biggest pyramid is the three at Giza. The Great Pyramid of King Kahfu is bigger than ten soccer fields!

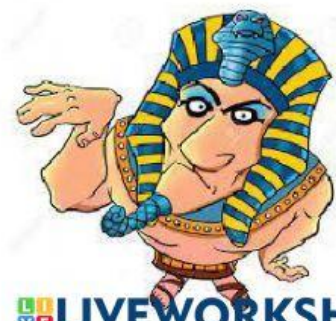
Later, archeologists opened up the pyramids and discovered the coffins of Pharaohs, their jewelry, weapons, furniture, and musical instruments. They also discovered examples of early writing.

The ancient Egyptians used picture symbols instead of words. They carved pictures on wet clay. Then the clay dried to form "writing blocks". We know about the life of the ancient Egyptians because they buried the writing blocks in the pyramids, too.



Answer the questions with a complete sentence.

1. Who instructed the people to build the pyramids?
a. Pharaohs. b. Architects. c. Archeologist d. Farmers.
2. Who designed the pyramids?
a. King Kahfu. b. Farmers. c. King Tutankhamun d. Architects
3. Who were the workers?
4. What did the ancient Egyptians carve pictures on?
5. Where did they bury the writing blocks?



Match the columns.

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| 1. The Egyptian kings were called | a. picture symbols instead of words. |
| 2. People carried | b. to form "writing blocks". |
| 3. The ancient Egyptians used | c. the coffins inside the pyramids. |
| 4. People worked | d. for many years to build the pyramids. |
| 5. The wet clay dried | e. because it was hard work. |
| 6. Later, who opened the pyramids? | f. the Pharaohs. |

Subject Verb Agreement

Write the correct verb in the space provided

A single picture sometimes _____ work/works just as well as a dozen words.

The shape _____ stand/stands for the flat Earth and the Sun passing over it.

Museums in big cities _____ show/shows Egyptian writing.

The Great Pyramids of King Kahfu _____ is/are bigger than ten soccer fields!

We _____ know/knows about the life of the ancient Egyptians because they buried the writing blocks in the pyramids, too.