READING

3 Listen and read. 126

Papyrus



Five thousand years ago, there was no paper. People used clay tablets to write on. They used a reed to write on the wet clay. Then they waited for the clay to dry. The tablets were very heavy. They were easy to break. People used each tablet only one time.

The Ancient Egyptians wanted to make paper to write on. Three thousand years ago, there were lots of papyrus plants in Egypt. The Ancient Egyptians used papyrus to make a kind of paper. It was difficult to make, but it was soft and light and easy to write on.



People in other countries started to use papyrus, too. But papyrus was very expensive. Only rich people used it. Sometimes people used the papyrus, then washed it and used it again.

Do you know?

The word 'paper' comes from the word 'papyrus'.

Read again and write.

~~heavy~~	light	expensive	soft	easy	difficult

1 Clay tablets were heavy.
2 Clay tablets were _____ to break.
3 Papyrus was very _____ to make.
4 Papyrus wasn't heavy. It was _____.
5 Papyrus was _____. It was easy to write on.
6 Only rich people used papyrus. It was _____.

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