

## Timekeeping in Ancient Egypt

**Task 1:** Read the text Action-11, p50

**Task 2:** Choose the right answer

- 1 What does the writer say about the ancient Egyptians?
  - A They were the first civilisation to try to measure time.
  - B They invented several timekeeping devices.
  - C They possessed scientific skills and knowledge.
  - D They were the first people to mark time in hours.
- 2 What is NOT true about the merkheth?
  - A It should be used in pairs for timekeeping.
  - B It can't be used in the daytime.
  - C It is the same shape as a letter of the alphabet.
  - D It does not require the use of a bay.
- 3 What was measured to determine how much time had passed?
  - A the movement of stars across a meridian line
  - B the movement of the North Star
  - C the movement of the plumb line
  - D the movement of the stars across the slit in the bay.
- 4 What is the main purpose of the text?
  - A to compare different methods of timekeeping in ancient Egypt
  - B to describe an ancient timekeeping device
  - C to inform readers how to use a merkheth
  - D to explain why the merkheth is no longer used

**Task 3:** Match the synonyms

- positions • pictured • accurately • record
- surpassed • groups of people who share society, culture and a way of life • sculpted
- kept safe • non-existent • dug up • achieved
- identical

1. Keep track of - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Civilisations - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Equal - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Accomplished - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Alignments - \_\_\_\_\_
6. Overcame - \_\_\_\_\_
7. Carved - \_\_\_\_\_
8. Precisely - \_\_\_\_\_
9. Imaginary - \_\_\_\_\_
10. Excavated - \_\_\_\_\_
11. Preserved - \_\_\_\_\_
12. Depicted - \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 4:** What devices did ancient Egyptians use to measure time?

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