

Papyrus

Read the text.

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 It

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.

Answer the questions

1. What did people use to write on?
2. Were the tablets light?
3. How many times did people use each tablet?
4. How many years ago were there lots of papyrus plants?
5. Where did papyrus appear?
6. Was papyrus cheap?
7. Who could use papyrus?

Complete the sentences with the words

heavy	light	expensive	soft	easy	difficult
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1. Clay tablets were _____.
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 _____.

Match the words with pictures

a tablet
soft

a plant..... a paper
use a reed

easy to break
wait for

difficult
wet clay



Answer True or False

1. Five thousand years ago, there **was** no paper _____
2. The tablets **were** colourful. _____
3. Egyptians used papyrus to make a kind of paper _____
4. Papyrus was very cheap _____
5. All people could use papyrus _____
6. It was soft and light and easy to write on. _____

Past simple (write the past form)

1. use- _____
2. wait _____
3. want _____
4. start _____
5. wash _____
6. play- _____
7. live _____
8. study _____

