

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?
