

READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 2

Read this text carefully and tick the correct answers.

ANCIENT EGYPT

Hello, my name is Neferet and I live in the city of Thebes, not far from the River Nile, in Egypt. I am going to explain to you what ancient Egyptian civilization is like. It is not as dark and mysterious as you may think. We love colours and life very much.

Health and hygiene are very important in Ancient Egypt. Thanks to the River Nile, we have plenty of food. The ancient Egyptians love garlic and onions. We also like green vegetables, lentils, fish, eggs, cheese and butter as well as a fruit juice made from dates*.



We love looking after ourselves. We can have more than a bath a day. Pharaohs and the rich people use a kind of soap and some oils that smell very good. The rest of the people bathe in the River Nile. We were the first in history to invent toothpaste**. In Ancient Egypt, both men and women put black make-up*** on our eyes.

Family life and education are very important. Children have to be kind and honest. We have to respect and help our parents, grandparents, neighbours and elderly people.

People work hard in Ancient Egypt. Many people work building pyramids, which are tombs for our kings. Some people work in the market selling food and others are doctors.

Our alphabet is made of Hieroglyphics. They are not letters like the ones you have in your western alphabet. Hieroglyphics are symbols in the form of pictures. We write on stones or papyrus, a kind of paper made of a plant that grows in or near water.

GLOSSARY

- * dates: dàtils
- ** toothpaste: pasta de dents
- *** make-up: maquillatge

READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 2**27. Neferet talks about...**

- a. cities in Egypt.
- b. ancient Egyptian civilization.
- c. the most important river in the world.

28. Neferet says ancient Egyptian life...

- a. is mysterious.
- b. uses only dark colours.
- c. is colourful and full of life.

29. The river is called...

- a. The Nile.
- b. Thebes.
- c. Neferet.

30. Ancient Egyptians _____ garlic and onions.

- a. like
- b. dislike
- c. don't like

31. According to the text, ancient Egyptians like a _____ made from dates.

- a. cake
- b. soup
- c. juice

32. Rich people use _____ when they have a bath.

- a. a fruit juice and some butter
- b. soap and some oils
- c. milk and honey

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33. Ancient Egyptians...

- a. never brush their teeth.
- b. use toothpaste to brush their teeth.
- c. brush their teeth with a plant called papyrus.

34. In ancient Egypt, _____ use black make-up on their eyes.

- a. only men
- b. only women
- c. men and women

35. Many ancient Egyptians...

- a. work on the pyramids.
- b. stay at home.
- c. are teachers.

36. Pyramids are...

- a. tombs.
- b. houses.
- c. green areas.

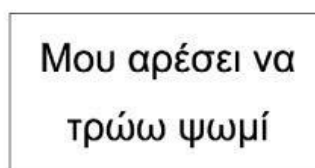
37. Which one is a hieroglyphic?



a.



b.



c.

38. This is a text about...

- a. a period of history.
- b. healthy food in history.
- c. the flooding of the River Nile.