

The Ancient Egyptians

Challenge

Find the missing words to fill the gaps in these sentences.

apprentice	ramps	Cleopatra	earth
pictures	snake	Africa	wealthy
Pharaohs	pyramids	hieroglyphics	Tutankhamun
civilisations	bread	climate	

Ancient Egypt was one of the world's first _____, which began around 5000 years ago near the Nile river in north-eastern _____. Ancient Egyptians settled there because the river flooded every year, which fertilised the soil around it. This made the soil perfect for crop growth.

Archaeologists and historians have been able to gather lots of information about the ancient Egyptians because the dry _____ in Egypt helped to preserve many of their belongings and creations.

Life in Ancient Egypt

Houses were built of mud bricks while floors were made from _____. Many larger objects, such as ovens and seating, were built into the house. The diet of an ancient Egyptian depended on how _____ they were. Richer people would eat eggs, meat and figs while poor Egyptians had a diet of _____ and onions. Children wouldn't go to school but would work as an _____, meaning they learnt a trade. This would normally be learning the same job as your parents had.



Engineering

Despite not having a pulley system to help lift heavy materials, the ancient Egyptians applied their discovered principles of engineering to move large blocks of stone using rollers and _____. This meant they were able to build huge structures, such as the _____.



Writing

Ancient Egyptians created a written language called _____. This involved drawing or painting _____ in bright colours on the walls of tombs or temples. Different pictures stood for different sounds or words.



Famous Ancient Egyptians

_____ ruled over ancient Egypt and they were viewed as living gods. Perhaps the most well-known pharaoh is _____, whose tomb was discovered in 1922.



_____ was the last pharaoh of Egypt and was famous for her beauty; it was believed that she bathed in donkey milk to preserve her looks! Cleopatra died in 30 BC after she was bitten by a poisonous _____.

