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Level B

Warm Up

A

Easy Talks.

Begin by answering a set of simple warm-up questions to kick off discussion and get the conversation flowing!



- 1 What will you learn in a lesson about "The Mysteries Behind the Pyramids"?
- 2 Why do you think the construction of the pyramids is considered mysterious?
- 3 Why do you think people find the construction of the pyramids interesting and mysterious?

B

Pay Attention.

Scan the QR code, listen to the audio file, and fill in the blanks with the missing words using the vocabularies below.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> modern | <input type="radio"/> construction | <input type="radio"/> bronze | <input type="radio"/> chronological |
| <input type="radio"/> couple | <input type="radio"/> mystery | <input type="radio"/> methods | <input type="radio"/> particles |

It's a _____, like nowhere in all the tens of thousands of hieroglyphs found throughout ancient Egypt. Not single one of them shows anything about them cutting stone nor does it show anything depicting the _____ of a pyramid.

The Egyptians are said to be a _____ age culture and by that I'm talking a copper, saw and they pour in sand and water and essentially the quartzite _____ are what's cutting it. However, when _____ tests have been done on testing it on granite and limestone, it's failed miserably. They were said to be tombs for the Pharaohs. They were all said to be done in a _____ order and within a certain period of time.

When you're talking tens of millions of stone blocks in aggregate, the great pyramid is 2.3 million. You have the other _____ at a couple million a pop and then doesn't include all the other tens of millions of blocks that make up statues, casing stones, other buildings. They had to been at least 50 million stones cut throughout ancient Egypt. When you're doing it with _____ that can barely get more than inch an hour, it's so slow and not to mention the precision is nowhere near it and so it's like

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- 1 What do you think are the most fascinating aspects of the construction of the pyramids?

- 2 In your opinion, what mysteries might surround the methods and tools ancient Egyptians used to build the pyramids?

- 3 Why do you think the construction of the pyramids is considered a topic of mystery and intrigue in history?

B

True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio

		TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1	Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs depict the detailed process of cutting stones and constructing pyramids.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Modern tests using copper saws and sand and water on quartzite have been successful in cutting granite and limestone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	The pyramids were primarily constructed as tombs for Pharaohs, and the construction followed a chronological order within a specific time frame.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	According to the information provided, at least 50 million stones were cut in ancient Egypt, and the methods used were slow and imprecise, achieving less than an inch per hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C Reading.

“ It’s a **mystery**, like nowhere else in all the tens of thousands of **hieroglyphs** found throughout **ancient** Egypt. Not a single one of them shows anything about cutting stone, **nor** does it depict the **construction** of a pyramid. ¹

The Egyptians are said to be a Bronze Age culture. By that, I mean they used copper saws and poured in sand and water. Essentially, **quartzite** particles were what cut the stone. **However**, ² when modern tests were conducted on granite and **limestone**, they failed **miserably**. The pyramids were said to be tombs for the Pharaohs, constructed in a **chronological** order within a certain period of time.

When you’re talking about tens of millions of stone blocks in **aggregate**, the Great Pyramid consists of 2.3 million. You have the others, each at a couple of million a piece, and that doesn’t include all the other tens of millions of blocks that make up statues, casing stones, and other buildings. There had to be at least 50 million stones cut throughout ancient Egypt. When you’re doing it with methods that can barely achieve more than an inch per hour, it’s slow, not to mention the **precision** is nowhere near it. ”

D Quick Expression Trick.

- 1 *It's a mystery, like nowhere else in all the tens of thousands of hieroglyphs found throughout ancient Egypt. Not a single one of them shows anything about cutting stone, **nor** does it depict the construction of a pyramid.*



nor



a coordinating conjunction used to connect two negative alternatives

EXAMPLE

a

*She neither likes coffee **nor** drinks tea.*

- 2 ***However**, when modern tests were conducted on granite and limestone, they failed miserably.*



however



a conjunctive adverb used to indicate a contrast or contradiction between two statements.

EXAMPLE

a

*She wanted to go to the movie; **however**, she had too much work to finish.*

E Grammar Point.

- 1 *Not a single one of them shows anything about cutting stone, **nor** does it depict the construction of a pyramid.*

Independent Clauses

1st

Not a single one of them shows anything about cutting stone

2nd

It depicts the construction of a pyramid.

EXAMPLE

a

*He is not happy, **nor** does he want to talk about it.*

AV

MV

Note

"nor"

typically appears before the auxiliary verb or the main verb in the second clause.

*S + V + O..... **nor** + Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Main Verb + Object*

Activities

F

Pronounce Me.

Scan the QR code, listen to the provided vocabularies, and perfect pronunciation by mimicking the words.



- mystery**
/ˈmɪs.təri/
- hieroglyphs**
/ˈhaɪrəglɪfs/
- ancient**
/ˈeɪnʃənt/
- construction**
/kənˈstrʌkʃən/
- quartzite**
/ˈkwɑːrtsaɪt/
- limestone**
/ˈlaɪmstəʊn/
- chronological**
/ˌkrɒnəˈlɒdʒɪkəl/
- aggregate**
/ˈægrɪgət/
- statues**
/ˈstætʃuːz/
- throughout**
/θruːˈaʊt/
- mention**
/ˈmenʃən/
- precision**
/prɪˈɪʒən/

G

Speak Up.

Read through the trivia about the topic, then respond to questions related to the information. You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.



1 What do you think about the idea that pyramids had a secret chamber for the deceased's soul to rest?

2 In your opinion, why might ancient Egyptians have believed it was important to have a special chamber for the soul in the pyramids?

3 What do you think about the Pyramid Texts being the oldest known religious texts in the world?

4 In your opinion, why might ancient Egyptians have considered it important to inscribe religious texts in the pyramids?

5 What do you think about the rule that climbing the Great Pyramids is forbidden?

6 In your opinion, why might it be important to prohibit people from climbing the Great Pyramids?

DID YOU KNOW?

Pyramids had a secret chamber where the deceased's soul rested.

DID YOU KNOW?

The pyramid texts are the oldest known religious texts in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Climbing the **Great Pyramids** is forbidden.

H

Making Sentences

Construct your own sentences using some of the vocabulary from the article. Write your sentences on the blanks provided.

1 **mystery** (noun)

Example: The disappearance of the key remained a **mystery**.

2 **ancient** (adjective)

Example: The archaeologists discovered an **ancient** artifact in the ruins.

3 **construction** (noun)

Example: The **construction** of the new school building began last month.

4 **chronological** (adjective)

Example: She organized the events in **chronological** order for the history project.

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Notes.

1

mystery (noun)
puzzle; secret

2

ancient (adjective)
earliest; of long ago; very old

3

construction (noun)
building of something, typically large structures

4

chronological (adjective)
in order; in sequence; step by step

5

miserably (adverb)
unhappy; sadly

6

aggregate (adjective)
total; overall

7

precision (noun)
correctness; accuracy; exactness; perfection

8

hieroglyphs (noun)
a form of writing used in ancient Egypt

9

quartzite (noun)
an extremely hard, granular rock

10

limestone (noun)
a hard rock used as building materials