

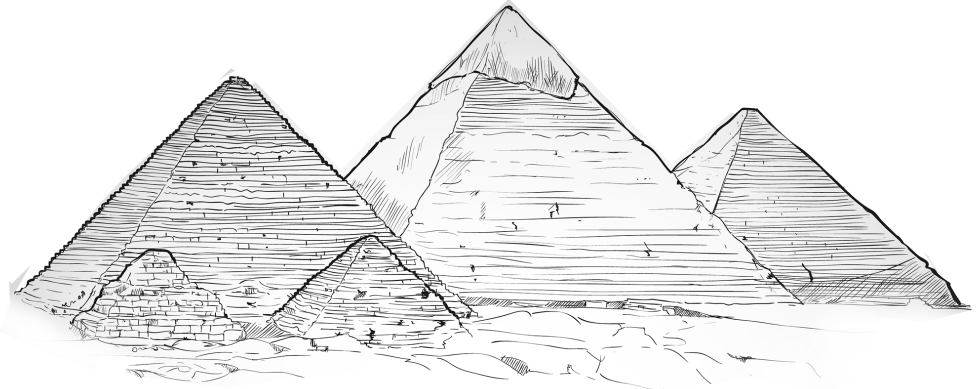
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## Pyramids of Egypt

Have you ever wished you could build something that people would enjoy for thousands of years? The people of ancient Egypt did just that! In fact, ancient Egyptians created a great civilization. They invented many wonderful things, including a form of picture writing called *hieroglyphics* and a paper-like material called *papyrus*. They also invented the pyramids, grand structures that remain standing in the desert. Perhaps you will even visit these amazing creations one day. Maybe you already have!



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### Find It!

Find the answers below by using the “Search” tool to search by key words. Since this activity is about Egyptian pyramids, you can start by searching for the key word “pyramids.”

Write or circle the correct answer(s) below each question.

1. What shape are the sides of pyramids?
2. The base of a pyramid is:
  - A. Rectangular
  - B. Elliptical
  - C. Triangular
  - D. Square
3. The pyramids served as \_\_\_\_\_ or as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Fill in the blank.)
4. *True or false?* The most famous pyramids were built for Egyptian kings about 2,500 years ago.
5. *True or false?* Mummies are preserved in salts.

6. The ruins of how many major pyramids stand near the Nile River in Egypt?

7. The first known pyramid was made for:

- A. King Zoser
- B. Nefertiti
- C. King Tut
- D. Akhenaten

8. Who designed the first known pyramid?



9. The first known pyramid stands where the ancient city of \_\_\_\_\_ once was.

10. Do Egyptian pyramids have smooth sides or sides that look like giant steps?

11. How many pyramids stand at Giza?

12. Each block of the Great Pyramid at Giza weighs about as much as a . . .

- A. Small house
- B. Elephant
- C. Car
- D. Sofa

13. The Great Pyramid is made of more than \_\_\_\_\_ stone blocks.

14. *True or false?* The Great Pyramid is shorter than it originally was.

15. The men who built the pyramids covered them with a layer of \_\_\_\_\_.

16. How long did it take to build the pyramids?

17. *True or false?* The ancient Egyptians were the only people who built pyramids.

## See it!

18. Find the picture titled “Pyramids of Giza” that accompanies the “Pyramids” article.  
Why do you think the pyramids are different sizes? What might be one reason?

## Match it!

19. Match the term in column 1 with its definition or describing phrase in column 2.

1

\_\_\_\_\_ Mummy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Medum  
\_\_\_\_\_ Khufu  
\_\_\_\_\_ Temple  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zoser  
\_\_\_\_\_ Memphis  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tomb  
\_\_\_\_\_ Imhotep

2

A. Place for keeping the dead  
B. It's near the modern city of Saqqarah.  
C. A great Egyptian builder  
D. Dead, preserved body  
E. The Great Pyramid was built for him.  
F. Site of the first smooth-sided pyramid  
G. Place of worship  
H. The first pyramid was made for him.





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## Answers:

1. The sides of the pyramids are shaped like triangles.
2. The base of a pyramid is: D. Square
3. The pyramids served as tombs or as temples. (Egyptian pyramids served as tombs. American pyramids had temples on top.)
4. *False*. The most famous pyramids were built for Egyptian kings about 4,500 years ago.
5. *True*. Mummies are preserved in salts.
6. The ruins of 35 major pyramids stand near the Nile River in Egypt.
7. The first known pyramid was made for: A. King Zoser
8. Imhotep designed King Zoser's pyramid.
9. King Zoser's pyramid stands where the ancient city of Memphis once was.
10. Both. Egyptian pyramids have both smooth and stepped sides.
11. There are 10 pyramids at Giza.
12. Each block of the Great Pyramid at Giza weighs about as much as a: C. Car
13. The Great Pyramid is made of more than 2 million stone blocks.
14. *True*. The Great Pyramid is shorter than it originally was. Some of its upper stones are gone now.
15. The men who built the pyramids covered them with a layer of smooth white stones.
16. No one knows exactly how long it took to build the pyramids.
17. *False*. The ancient Egyptians were not the only people who built pyramids. People in Central America also built pyramids.
18. Answers will vary.
- 19.

Mummy	D. Dead, preserved body
Medum	F. Site of the first smooth-sided pyramid
Khufu	E. The Great Pyramid was built for him.
Temple	G. Place of worship
Zoser	H. The first pyramid was made for him.
Memphis	B. It's near the modern city of Saqqarah.
Tomb	A. Place for keeping the dead
Imhotep	C. A great Egyptian builder