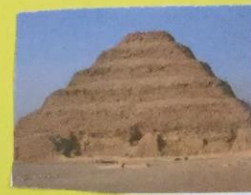
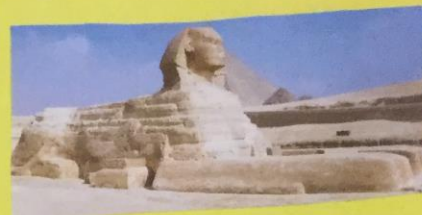


Pyramids

In English, we have written non-chronological reports about Ancient Egyptian pyramids.

PYRAMIDS

The pyramids were burial chambers for the Pharaohs in the old kingdom in ancient Egypt. Pyramids are a significant symbol in Ancient Egypt and there are between 80 and 120 pyramids in Egypt.



What's Inside The Pyramids?

The base of a pyramid is always a precise square.

FACTS

Deep inside the pyramids lay the Pharaoh's burial chamber which would be filled with treasure and items for the Pharaoh to use in the afterlife. The walls were often covered with carvings and paintings. Near the Pharaoh's chamber would be other rooms where family members and servants were buried. There were often small rooms that acted as temples and larger rooms for storage. Narrow passageways led to outside. Sometimes fake burial chambers were made to fool grave robbers.

How the pyramids were built has been a mystery that archaeologists have been trying to solve for many years. It is believed that thousands of slaves were used to cut up the large blocks and then slowly move them up the pyramids on ramps. The pyramids would get slowly built, one block at a time. Scientists estimated it took at least 20,000 workers over 25 years to build the Great Pyramid of Giza.

The Great Pyramids of Giza point very precisely to the North.

Some of the earlier Pyramids called step pyramids, have large steps every so often that look like giant steps. Archaeologists think that the steps were built as stairways for the Pharaoh to use to climb to the sun god. Later pyramids have more sloping flat sides. These pyramids represent a mound that emerged at the beginning of time. The sun god stood on the mound and created the other gods and goddesses.

The pyramids of Egypt are all built to the west of the River Nile.

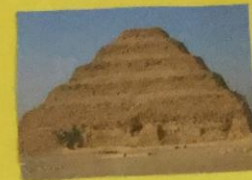
The pyramids were built mostly out of limestone.

PYRAMIDS

FUN FACTS

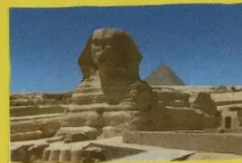
The word pyramid comes from the Greek word *pyramis* which means wheat cake. The pyramids were once the tallest human-built structure.

Pyramids are big cone-shaped monuments. They were used by the ancient Egyptians to the dead & kings.



True or False

There are at least 118 pyramids left on Earth.



Did you know?

The Great Pyramid of Giza points precisely to the North. The Great Pyramid was so shiny that it glowed.

Building Pyramids

The pyramids were crafted by carved-out limestone. The blocks were not completely solid. The pyramid stones weighed more than an elephant.

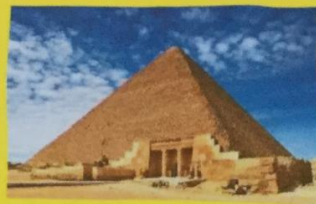
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The pyramids were used by the ancient Egyptians in the Old Kingdom. They would put in the dead pharaohs but people would break into the pyramids and rob the mummies.

we are going to be looking
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you can learn about them.

PYRAMIDS

3 main pyramids in Giza
The disjunctions of
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correspond to the Kings
whom they were built. The
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of the group was built for
Khufu (Greek Cheops)
the second King of
the 4th dynasty.



How were
pyramids
built?
Must have
been? The shape
allows the
to be dug out
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Fun facts



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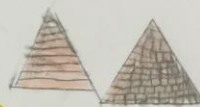
PYRAMIDS

Why were pyramids built?

The pyramids were built as burial places and monuments to the pharaohs. As part of their religion, the Egyptians believed that the pharaohs need certain things to succeed in the afterlife. Deep inside the pyramid the pharaoh could be buried with all sorts of items and treasure that he or she may need to survive in the afterlife.

Early Pyramids

Some of the early pyramids are called step pyramids which have large ledges. Archaeologists think that the steps were built as a stairway for the pharaoh to climb to the sun god Ra. Some pyramids have more sloping and flat sides.



There are around 138 Egyptian pyramids. Some of them are huge. The largest is pyramid of Khufu also called the great pyramids of Giza. When it was first built it was over 480 feet tall. It was the tallest man-made structure for over 3800 years and is one of the 7 wonders of the world.

PYRAMIDS!

Whose pyramids are the best pyramids?

Pharaohs Sarcophagi

How pyramids were built is a mystery that archaeologists have been trying to solve for years. They believed that thousands of slaves pulled and chopped the large blocks. They would pull them up the ramp to move them up to the top of the pyramids.

Pyramids!

The pyramids stored grains for a famine. False




THE PYRAMIDS OF ANCIENT EGYPT




The pyramids of Ancient Egypt we see today continue to be wonders of the world. Even though they were built thousands of years ago they still stand today.

Inside the pyramid, Egyptians included treasured items such as gold jewelry and pottery, and statues of the pharaoh - The King - which they believed he/she would talk with them on their journey to the afterlife. At the very top of the pyramid would have sat a capstone, known as a pyramidion, that may have been covered in gold. This dazzling point, shining in the intense sun, would have been visible from a great distance.

Inside the pyramid 

Did you know?

- Each stone on the pyramids weigh about 2.5 tons.
- The Great Pyramid of Giza is 481 feet tall.
- The Great pyramid used to have a hidden door.
- Some of the pyramids were built 4,500 years ago.
- It is suggested each pyramid took 15-30 years to build.
- The pyramid of Giza is the last remaining wonder of the ancient world.

How were they made ??? 

The largest pyramids were made with over 2,000,000 blocks of rough yellow limestone that were taken from the ground site. Most of the blocks were cut in the ground and then prized out with wooden levers with the pulled over wet sand.

PYRAMIDS!

What they were used for?

The pyramids were once the tallest human built structures. There are actually more than 100 pyramids in Egypt. Pyramid stones weighed more than a elephant. The pyramids are not completely solid.

They acted as burial grounds or tombs for the Kings and pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. The most famous of these pyramids is the Great Pyramid of Giza built to the pharaoh Khufu when he died and went to Paradise.

The Bent pyramid

The Bent Pyramid was built around 2600 BC at the royal necropolis (ancient cemetery) of Giza. This archaeological site is approximately 24 miles (40 kilometers) south of Giza on the west bank of the River Nile.



PYRAMIDS



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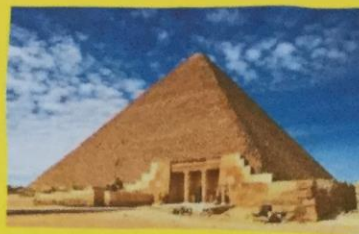
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fascinating
but he lost most
of it to erosion

The pyramids of
Giza took 20 years
to build and took
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PYRAMIDS

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Some funny pyramids which almost 'blow away'? The shape of a pyramid allows it to be built but not to be dismantled. The great pyramid was used to be so strong it almost...

Fun facts

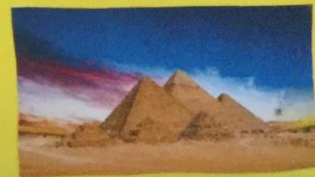


Did you know?

The pyramids are not completely solid. The pyramids were not built by slaves they were actually built by farmers. There are almost 112 pyramids in Egypt.

The pyramids were once the tallest human-built structure.

Building Pyramids
The pyramids are made of giant limestone. The base of the pyramids was always a perfect square. The pyramids of Egypt were all built to the west of the Nile river. The pyramids stones weighed more than an elephant. The pyramids are not completely solid.



The great pyramid of Giza points very precisely to the North.

PYRAMIDS



WHY

Pyramids were extremely expensive to build (roughly £3.8 million).

The reason to build such incredible structures was as tombs for pharaohs. The ancient Egyptians believed strongly in the afterlife. They believed you needed your body and possessions. This only lived in tomb raiders and since the pyramids were big and obvious all known pyramids are empty. This is why pharaohs chose to be buried in the valley of the kings. In the time of the pyramids (the Old Kingdom) rulers weren't known as pharaohs, only as kings.

In 2500 BCE, (before common era), the great pyramids of Giza were built. The Great pyramid was built by king Khufu. It is 1 of the 7 wonders of the ancient world - the only 1 still standing. It was 146.5 m tall when constructed but due to erosion is now only 139 m tall. The Giza pyramids aren't the only Egyptian pyramids; there are 138 known.



The ancient Egyptians needed practice though. When the engineers built pharaoh Sneferu's pyramid they realised the angle was wrong and changed it half way through. Sneferu didn't want to see his pyramid until it was finished. When he did he told the workers to build him another one. He died 3 months after that. The new one wasn't finished so he was buried in his own pyramid.

Origin

Before pyramids

were built pharaohs chose to be buried in mastabas,

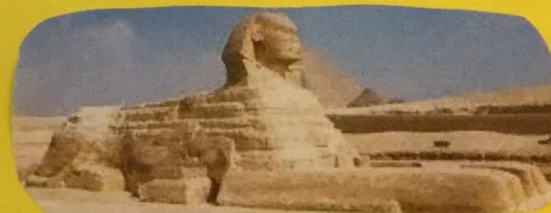
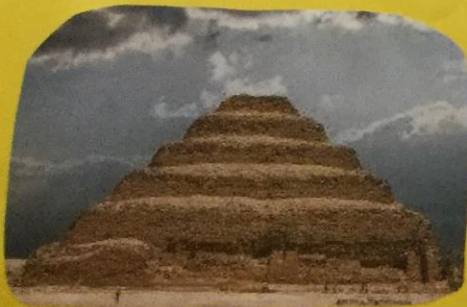
suboid shapes made of mud brick with shafts leading to an underground burial chamber.

One Ruler, Djoser decided to stack mastabas 1 on top of another to create a step pyramid. He believed it would help him ascend to the heavens. It was also the start of a legacy.

Khufu

Khufu was a powerful ruler of Ancient Egypt. He built the largest known pyramid - the great pyramid of Giza.

It was run by his Vizier Hemiun. The great pyramid is one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world - the only one still standing. It was 146.5 m tall when it was built, but due to erosion is now only 139 m. The mud brick structure was today used to be encased in pristine white limestone so it would almost glow in the sun. As well as being a magnificent tomb the size is a testament to the power of the great King. To get into the afterlife the Egyptians believed you needed to be remembered. Khufu has accomplished this.

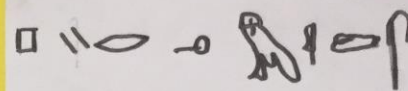


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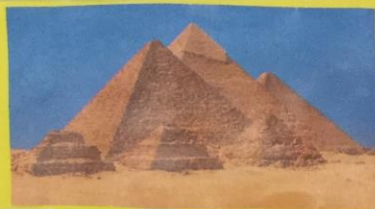
For one Pyramid to be built it over 20,000 workers.



PYRAMIDS



There are between 80-120 Pyramids. The Pyramids were built mostly of limestone. The latest Pyramid was built near Saggara (664 BCE).



Step Pyramids

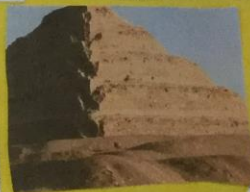
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Inside The Pyramids.

The Pyramids were used to keep the Pharaoh's bodies safe for the afterlife. The burial chambers would be filled with all of the Pharaoh's treasures safe inside.

What were they used for?

The Pyramids were used to keep the Pharaoh's bodies safe for the afterlife. They were also used to keep the Treasure safe.



The Great Pyramid of Giza

The great Pyramids of Giza were built at over 480 feet tall. It points very precisely to the river Nile.