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## Level 2

### Egypt archaeologists find large 'city of the dead'

1st March, 2018

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-2.html>

Archaeologists in Egypt have found a huge cemetery under the sand south of Cairo. It is a 2,000-year-old necropolis. The word necropolis is from ancient Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis has thousands of artifacts, including coffins and statues. Archaeologists started digging on the site last year. They found tombs belonging to Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom. People believe he invented writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister said: "We will need at least five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of a new discovery."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the dig, said he was very excited about the site. His team has uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain many historic treasures. One includes more than 1,000 statues, and pottery jars with the remains of the internal organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin. Waziri hopes the new site will help to bring more tourists to Egypt. There has been less tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Archaeologists in Egypt have found | a. old necropolis  |
| 2. under the                          | b. of artifacts    |
| 3. It is a 2,000-year-                | c. sand            |
| 4. The word necropolis is from        | d. discovery       |
| 5. The necropolis has thousands       | e. moon and wisdom |
| 6. the ancient god of the             | f. five years      |
| 7. We will need at least              | g. ancient Greek   |
| 8. the beginning of a new             | h. a huge cemetery |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the head of                     | a. to Egypt           |
| 2. he was very excited             | b. more to be found   |
| 3. His team has uncovered          | c. organs             |
| 4. He expects many                 | d. the revolution     |
| 5. The tombs contain many historic | e. the dig            |
| 6. internal                        | f. treasures          |
| 7. bring more tourists             | g. eight tombs so far |
| 8. since                           | h. about the site     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-2.html>

Archaeologists in Egypt have found (1) \_\_\_\_\_ under the sand south of Cairo. It is a 2,000-year-old necropolis. The word necropolis is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and means "city of the dead". The necropolis has thousands of artifacts, including (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Archaeologists started digging on the site last year. They found tombs belonging to Thoth. He was the ancient god of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. People believe he invented writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister said: "We will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the dig, said he was very excited (7) \_\_\_\_\_. His team has uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The tombs (9) \_\_\_\_\_ treasures. One includes more than 1,000 statues, and pottery jars with the remains of the internal (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Waziri hopes the new site will help to bring more tourists to Egypt. There has been less tourism (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that took place there in 2011.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ANCIENT EGYPT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Ancient Egypt in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

