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Egypt archaeologists find large 'city of the dead'

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THE ARTICLE

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Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under the sands south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was found south of Egypt's capital in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis is from ancient Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins and statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the site late last year. They found tombs belonging to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom. Thoth was also believed to be the inventor of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, 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 archaeological dig, said he was very excited about the contents of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.

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WARM-UPS

1. ANCIENT EGYPT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ancient Egypt. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

archaeologists / cemetery / sand / ancient / statues / excavation / moon / wisdom / dig / excited / colleagues / historic / treasures / internal organs / tourists / revolution

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TOURISM: Students A **strongly** believe Egypt should be made the world's number-one tourist destination; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ANCIENT: What do you know about these ancient places? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
The Pyramids		
Machu Picchu		
Angkor Wat		
Petra		
Stonehenge		
The Colosseum		

5. SAND: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "sand". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ARTIFACTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best artifacts to find in an archaeological dig at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- statues
- manuscript
- wall paintings
- mummies
- pots and jars
- weapons
- jewellery
- farming tools

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. archaeologists | a. An object made by a human, usually one of cultural or historical interest. |
| 2. coffins | b. The action of finding something new. |
| 3. cemetery | c. A person who studies human history and prehistory by digging sites and looking at artifacts and other old things. |
| 4. artifacts | d. A large burial ground. |
| 5. tombs | e. A long, narrow box in which a dead body is buried. |
| 6. inventor | f. A large, underground room that is used for burying the dead. |
| 7. discovery | g. A person whose job is to make new things, new ways of doing things, or new process. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. dig | h. The things that are held or included in something. |
| 9. contents | i. A person you work with in the same company. |
| 10. colleagues | j. A person's body after death. |
| 11. contain | k. A site where people remove the earth to find important or historical things underneath. |
| 12. wealth | l. Make or cause to come to a place or join in with something. |
| 13. remains | m. A lot of something that people would really like. |
| 14. attract | n. Have or hold something inside. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A large cemetery was found under the sand north of the city of Cairo. **T / F**
- b. The cemetery is about 2,000 years old. **T / F**
- c. Archaeologists first started digging on the site in 2011. **T / F**
- d. An Archaeologist said he needs 50 years to work on the site. **T / F**
- e. The head of the dig said 80 tombs have been discovered. **T / F**
- f. There were over 1,000 statues in one tomb. **T / F**
- g. Archaeologists found the remains of people's internal organs in jars. **T / F**
- h. Tourism is suffering in Egypt because of the 2011 revolution. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. discovered | a. very, very old |
| 2. huge | b. tempt |
| 3. ancient | c. creator |
| 4. excavation | d. very, very big |
| 5. inventor | e. co-workers |
| 6. head | f. digging |
| 7. colleagues | g. happened |
| 8. placed | h. found |
| 9. attract | i. put |
| 10. took place | j. leader |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. discovered a huge cemetery hidden under | a. in tourism |
| 2. found south | b. work on the site |
| 3. The word necropolis is from | c. of historic treasures |
| 4. Archaeologists started excavation | d. least five years |
| 5. We will need at | e. that took place there |
| 6. uncovered eight tombs | f. the sands |
| 7. The tombs contain a wealth | g. organs |
| 8. internal | h. ancient Greek |
| 9. There has been a downturn | i. so far |
| 10. since the revolution | j. of Egypt's capital |

GAP FILL

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

Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a (1) _____ cemetery hidden under the sands south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was found south of Egypt's (2) _____ in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis is from (3) _____ Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins and (4) _____. Archaeologists started excavation work on the site late last year. They found tombs (5) _____ to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom. Thoth was also believed to be the (6) _____ of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, said: "We will need at (7) _____ five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of a new (8) _____."

ancient
belonging
least
huge
discovery
statues
capital
inventor

Mostafa Waziri, the (9) _____ of the archaeological dig, said he was very excited about the (10) _____ of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so (11) _____. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a (12) _____ of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the (13) _____ organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone (14) _____ in which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to (15) _____ more tourists to Egypt. There has been a (16) _____ in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.

wealth
coffin
far
downturn
contents
attract
head
internal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under _____ of Cairo
 - a. the sounds south
 - b. the thousands south
 - c. the stands south
 - d. the sands south
- 2) The word necropolis is from ancient Greek and means " _____ "
 - a. city of the dead
 - b. city of the deadly
 - c. city of the death
 - d. city of the deed
- 3) The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including _____
 - a. coughing and atchoos
 - b. cough-ins and stat chews
 - c. coffins and statues
 - d. cuff, fins and statues
- 4) He was the ancient god of the moon _____
 - a. and wise dome
 - b. and whizz dome
 - c. and wheeze dome
 - d. and wisdom
- 5) This is only the beginning of a _____
 - a. news discovery
 - b. newly discovery
 - c. new discovery
 - d. anew discovery
- 6) the head of the archaeological dig said he was very excited about the _____ site
 - a. contains of the
 - b. contents of the
 - c. con tents of the
 - d. content is of the
- 7) He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight _____
 - a. tomes so far
 - b. tunes so far
 - c. chews so far
 - d. tombs so far
- 8) One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four _____
 - a. pot tally jars
 - b. potter re-jars
 - c. potter e-jars
 - d. pottery jars
- 9) A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which dead bodies _____
 - a. were places
 - b. were placed
 - c. were place
 - d. were paste
- 10) Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract _____ Egypt
 - a. more tourists two
 - b. more tourists too
 - c. more tourists to
 - d. more tourists tomb

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered (1) _____ hidden under the (2) _____ Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was found south of Egypt's capital in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis (3) _____ Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins and statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the (4) _____ year. They found tombs belonging to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the (5) _____. Thoth was also believed to be the inventor of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, said: "We will need at least five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of (6) _____."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the archaeological dig, said he was very excited about (7) _____ the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered (8) _____ far. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain (9) _____ historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that (10) _____ of the internal organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a (11) _____ which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn (12) _____ the revolution that took place there in 2011.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How old is the necropolis?
2. What ancient language does the word 'necropolis' come from?
3. When did archaeologists start digging on the site?
4. What do people believe Thoth invented?
5. What did a minister say was just beginning?
6. How many tombs have the archaeologists uncovered so far?
7. How many statues did archaeologists find in one tomb?
8. Where did archaeologists find the internal remains of ancient Egyptians?
9. What is a sarcophagus usually made of?
10. What has there been a downturn of in Egypt since 2011?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How old is the necropolis?
 - a) 2,500 years old
 - b) 2,000 years old
 - c) 2,800 years old
 - d) 2,200 years old
- 2) What ancient language does the word 'necropolis' come from?
 - a) Aramaic
 - b) Latin
 - c) Hebrew
 - d) Greek
- 3) When did archaeologists start digging on the site?
 - a) last century
 - b) last week
 - c) last year
 - d) last month
- 4) What do people believe Thoth invented?
 - a) writing
 - b) coffins
 - c) tombs
 - d) pyramids
- 5) What did a minister say was just beginning?
 - a) a new dawn
 - b) a new discovery
 - c) a new history
 - d) a new age
- 6) How many tombs have the archaeologists uncovered so far?
 - a) 8
 - b) 9
 - c) 10
 - d) 3
- 7) How many statues did archaeologists find in one tomb?
 - a) exactly 1,000
 - b) around 1,000
 - c) more than 1,000
 - d) just fewer than 1,000
- 8) Where did archaeologists find the internal remains of ancient Egyptians?
 - a) in jars
 - b) in bottles
 - c) in urbs
 - d) in boxes
- 9) What is a sarcophagus usually made of?
 - a) clay
 - b) iron
 - c) lead
 - d) stone
- 10) What has there been a downturn of in Egypt since 2011?
 - a) archaeology
 - b) tombs
 - c) tourism
 - d) revolutions

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Statues

You think statues are the best artifacts to find on an archaeological dig. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their artifacts. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manuscripts, weapons or jewellery.

Role B – Manuscripts

You think manuscripts are the best artifacts to find on an archaeological dig. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their artifacts. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): statues, weapons or jewellery.

Role C – Weapons

You think weapons are the best artifacts to find on an archaeological dig. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their artifacts. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manuscripts, statues or jewellery.

Role D – Jewellery

You think items of jewellery are the best artifacts to find on an archaeological dig. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their artifacts. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manuscripts, weapons or statues.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'city' and 'dead'.

city	dead

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• huge• word• thousands• late• writing• only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• head• eight• wealth• 1,000• 40• hopes
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ANCIENT EGYPT SURVEY

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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 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
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.

ANCIENT EGYPT DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Egypt'?
3. How interested are you in archaeology?
4. What would it be like to be an archaeologist?
5. What do you know about ancient Egypt?
6. What do you know about the ancient history of your country?
7. Why is the necropolis so important?
8. How did someone invent writing?
9. What is your favourite image of Egypt?
10. What else do you think the archaeologists will find?

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ANCIENT EGYPT DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ancient'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How would you feel about entering ancient tombs?
15. How valuable are the historic treasures?
16. In which country would you like to dig for ancient treasures?
17. What should happen to all the treasures?
18. How good a place is Egypt to visit?
19. What do you know about Egypt's revolution?
20. What questions would you like to ask the archaeologists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Mostafa Waziri, the head of the archaeological (7) _____, said he was very excited about the contents of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so (8) _____. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a (9) _____ of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal (10) _____ of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a (11) _____ coffin in which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took (12) _____ there in 2011.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) discovered | (b) discover | (c) discovery | (d) discovers |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) off | (c) of | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) from | (d) at |
| 4. | (a) stat chews | (b) stats | (c) states | (d) statues |
| 5. | (a) wise | (b) wiser | (c) wisdom | (d) wisest |
| 6. | (a) last | (b) least | (c) lost | (d) lest |
| 7. | (a) big | (b) dig | (c) fig | (d) rig |
| 8. | (a) tar | (b) far | (c) par | (d) bar |
| 9. | (a) valuable | (b) rich | (c) wealth | (d) asset |
| 10. | (a) keyboards | (b) pianos | (c) harps | (d) organs |
| 11. | (a) shard | (b) boulder | (c) pebble | (d) stone |
| 12. | (a) venue | (b) spot | (c) location | (d) place |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. discovered a huge ceytmree
2. The word necropolis is from nteicna Greek
3. The necropolis contains thousands of stfarciat
4. including coffins and ssutaet
5. the voennrit of writing
6. the beginning of a new srcioevyd

Paragraph 2

7. he and his uleolcgsae
8. contain a haletw of historic treasures
9. the internal nrosga
10. the new site will help to craattt more
11. There has been a downturn in iorutms
12. since the ivtlouoern

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins
- () and statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the site late last year. They found tombs
- () statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal organs of important ancient
- () belonging to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom. Thoth was also
- () tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.
- (**1**) Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under the sands south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was
- () Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in
- () least five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of a new discovery."
- () soon. The tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000
- () which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more
- () of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to be found
- () believed to be the inventor of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, said: "We will need at
- () found south of Egypt's capital in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis is from ancient
- () Mostafa Waziri, the head of the archaeological dig, said he was very excited about the contents

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. a Archaeologists huge in have Egypt cemetery . discovered
2. the Cairo . sands under of Hidden south
3. ancient Greek . from is necropolis word The
4. inventor . the to also was be believed Thoth
5. the is discovery . a This beginning new of
6. was the excited about contents . very He
7. be He to expects soon . many more found
8. tombs wealth historic a The treasures . contain of
9. were where A dead stone coffin bodies placed .
10. in the downturn tourism A since revolution .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Archaeologists in Egypt have *discovery / discovered* a huge cemetery hidden under the sands south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis *were / was* found south of Egypt's *capital / capitals* in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis is *from / for* ancient Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis *contents / contains* thousands of artifacts, including coffins and statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the site *lately / late* last year. They found tombs *belong / belonging* to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and *wisdom / wise*. Thoth was also believed to be the *invention / inventor* of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, said: "We will need at least five years to work on the necropolis. This is only the beginning of *a new / anew* discovery."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the archaeological *dig / digger*, said he was very excited about the contents of the *sight / site*. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight *combs / tombs* so far. He *expects / experts* many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a *wealthy / wealth* of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the *domains / remains* of the internal organs of *importance / important* ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which *dead / death* bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to *attraction / attract* more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place *there / here* in 2011.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A r c h___l_g_s t s _n_ E g y p t _h_v_ _d_s c_v_r_d _
h_g_ c_m_t_r_y _h_d_d_n_ _n_d_r_ t_h_ s_n_d_s _s__ t_h
f C__r_. T_h_ 2,000 -y__r_-l_d_ n_c_r_p_l_s _w_s
f__n_d_ s__t_h_ _f_ E_g_y_p_t's_ c_p_t_l_ _n_ t_h_ N_l_
V_l_l_y_ c_t_y_ _f_ M_n_y_. T_h_ w_r_d_ n_c_r_p_l_s_ _s
f_r_m_ _n_c__n_t_ G_r__k_ _n_d_ m__n_s_ "c_t_y_ _f_ t_h_
d__d". T_h_ n_c_r_p_l_s_ c_n_t__n_s_ t_h__s_n_d_s_ _f_
_r_t_f_c_t_s_, _n_c_l_d_n_g_ c_f_f_n_s_ _n_d_ s_t_t__s_. A_r
c_h___l_g_s_t_s_ s_t_r_t_d_ _x_c_v_t__n_ w_r_k_ _n_ t_h_
s_t_ l_t_ l_s_t_ y__r_. T_h_y_ f__n_d_ t_m_b_s_ b_l_n
g_n_g_ t_ p_r__s_t_s_ _f_ T_h_t_h_. H_ w_s_ t_h_ _n_c__
n_t_ g_d_ _f_ t_h_ m__n_ _n_d_ w_s_d_m_. T_h_t_h_ w_s_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

archaeologists in egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under the sands south of cairo the 2000yearold necropolis was found south of egypt's capital in the nile valley city of minya the word necropolis is from ancient greek and means city of the dead the necropolis contains thousands of artifacts including coffins and statues archaeologists started excavation work on the site late last year they found tombs belonging to priests of thoth he was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom thoth was also believed to be the inventor of writing egypt's antiquities minister khaled alanani 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 archaeological dig said he was very excited about the contents of the site he said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so far he expects many more to be found soon the tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures one tomb includes more than 1000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal organs of important ancient egyptians mr waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi a sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which dead bodies were placed waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more tourists to egypt there has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under the sand south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was found south of Egypt's capital in the Nile Valley city of Minya. The word necropolis is from an ancient Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins and statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the site late last year. They found tombs belonging to priests of Thoth. He was the ancient god of the moon and wisdom. Thoth was also believed to be the inventor of writing. Egypt's Antiquities Minister, Khaled al-Anani, 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 archaeological dig, said he was very excited about the contents of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the news will help to attract more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ANCIENT EGYPT: Make a poster about ancient Egypt. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EGYPT MUSEUM: Write a magazine article about making the Egypt Museum the most important tourist attraction in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on ancient Egypt. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how more people can see the treasures of ancient Egypt. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. discovered | a. found |
| 2. huge | b. very, very big |
| 3. ancient | c. very, very old |
| 4. excavation | d. digging |
| 5. inventor | e. creator |
| 6. head | f. leader |
| 7. colleagues | g. co-workers |
| 8. placed | h. put |
| 9. attract | i. tempt |
| 10. took place | j. happened |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 2,000 years old
- Greek
- Late last year
- Writing
- A new discovery
- Eight
- Over 1,000
- In four pottery jars
- Stone
- Tourism

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery.
- Hidden under the sands south of Cairo.
- The word necropolis is from ancient Greek.
- Thoth was also believed to be the inventor.
- This is the beginning of a new discovery.
- He was very excited about the contents.
- He expects many more to be found soon.
- The tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures.
- A stone coffin where dead bodies were placed.
- A downturn in tourism since the revolution.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)