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**Level 1 – 20th July, 2019**

**Egypt opens ancient pyramids for first time since 1960s**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids-1.html>

Egypt opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are south of the capital city Cairo. They opened for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside at the opening ceremony. The Bent Pyramid is 4,600 years old. It was built for King Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. It changed how people built pyramids. There is an 18-metre high pyramid next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The pyramids are part of a World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they will help tourism. Many people want to go to Egypt's ancient sites. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists can go through a 79-meter tunnel deep inside the pyramid. They can see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists found some stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi. These are coffins for burying people in. Some of the sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

Sources: <https://time.com/5625968/egypt-opens-pyramids/>  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-07-13/egypt-opens-2-ancient-pyramids-for-first-time-since-1960s>  
<https://www.gulftoday.ae/lifestyle/2019/07/13/egypt-opens-sneferu-bent-pyramid-in-dahshur-to-public>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The pyramids are south of the | a. is 4,600 years old  |
| 2. They opened for the first     | b. high pyramid        |
| 3. the opening                   | c. time since 1965     |
| 4. The Bent Pyramid              | d. King Sneferu's wife |
| 5. It was built                  | e. ceremony            |
| 6. It changed how people         | f. capital city Cairo  |
| 7. There is an 18-metre          | g. for King Sneferu    |
| 8. This was built for            | h. built pyramids      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. part of a World                | a. burying people in        |
| 2. Egypt hopes they will          | b. found inside             |
| 3. Many people want to go         | c. mummies inside them      |
| 4. a 79-meter tunnel              | d. help tourism             |
| 5. They can see ancient treasures | e. Heritage Site            |
| 6. stone, clay and                | f. deep inside              |
| 7. These are coffins for          | g. wooden sarcophagi        |
| 8. Some of the sarcophagi had     | h. to Egypt's ancient sites |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids-1.html>

Egypt opened two (1) \_\_\_\_\_ pyramids. The pyramids are south of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Cairo. They opened for the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside at (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The Bent Pyramid is 4,600 years old. It was built for King Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. It changed (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pyramids. There is an 18-metre high pyramid next to the Bent Pyramid. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The pyramids are part of a World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people want to go to Egypt's ancient sites. At the Bent Pyramid, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ through a 79-meter (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the pyramid. They can see ancient (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists found some stone, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ sarcophagi. These are coffins (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in. Some of the sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PYRAMIDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about pyramids 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

