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Grand Egyptian Museum opens in Cairo

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A stunning museum has opened in Egypt's capital, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday. A host of dignitaries attended it. Egypt's president said GEM "is set to become an international cultural and scientific hub, contributing to enhancing tourism...in Egypt". Authorities hailed the \$1.2 billion museum as "Egypt's gift to the world". A local tour guide hopes it will "usher in a new golden age of Egyptology". The location of GEM will attract visitors. It is in Giza and offers panoramic vistas of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

The museum is the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an ancient civilisation. It has over 50,000 exhibits. These have been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and from across Egypt. A giant 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall statue of the pharaoh Ramesses the Great dominates the entrance. GEM also houses the whole Tutankhamun collection. This was unearthed in 1922 in the southern city of Luxor. Officials hope GEM will encourage the return of Egyptian antiquities held in other countries, especially the Rosetta Stone, which is currently in the British Museum.

Sources: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2620817/middle-east>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/oct/31/egypts-vast-1bn-museum-to-open-in-cairo-after-two-decade-build>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A stunning | a. attended it |
| 2. an inauguration | b. attract visitors |
| 3. A host of dignitaries | c. ceremony |
| 4. an international cultural | d. a new golden age |
| 5. Egypt's gift | e. vistas |
| 6. usher in | f. museum has opened |
| 7. The location of GEM will | g. to the world |
| 8. panoramic | h. and scientific hub |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the world's largest | a. in 1922 |
| 2. dedicated to an ancient | b. exhibits |
| 3. It has over 50,000 | c. entrance |
| 4. the pharaoh | d. civilisation |
| 5. dominates the | e. Ramesses the Great |
| 6. GEM also houses the whole | f. antiquities |
| 7. This was unearthed | g. Tutankhamun collection |
| 8. the return of Egyptian | h. archaeological site |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A stunning museum has opened (1) _____, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday. A (2) _____ attended it. Egypt's president said GEM "is set to become an international cultural (3) _____, contributing to enhancing tourism...in Egypt". Authorities hailed the \$1.2 billion museum as "Egypt's gift to the world". A (4) _____ hopes it will "usher in a new (5) _____ Egyptology". The location of GEM will attract visitors. It is in Giza and (6) _____ of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

The museum is the world's (7) _____ dedicated to an ancient civilisation. It has (8) _____. These have been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and from across Egypt. A giant 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall (9) _____ pharaoh Ramesses the Great (10) _____. GEM also houses the whole Tutankhamun collection. This was unearthed in 1922 in the southern city of Luxor. Officials hope GEM will (11) _____ of Egyptian antiquities held in other countries, especially the Rosetta Stone, (12) _____ in the British Museum.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EGYPT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251103-grand-egyptian-museum-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Egypt** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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