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Grand Egyptian Museum opens in Cairo

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THE ARTICLE

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A stunning new museum has opened in Egypt's capital city, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday attended by a host of dignitaries including kings and heads of state. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said GEM "is set to become an international cultural and scientific hub, contributing to enhancing tourism promotion in Egypt". Authorities hailed the museum, which cost more than \$1.2 billion to build, 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 is also likely to attract visitors as it is situated in Giza and offers panoramic vistas of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

The museum has been billed as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an ancient civilisation. It houses over 50,000 exhibits that have been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo and from sites across Egypt. Dominating the entrance is a towering 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall granite statue of Ramesses the Great, one of Egypt's most celebrated pharaohs. GEM also houses the entire Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when it was unearthed 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 on display at the British Museum.

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WARM-UPS

1. EGYPT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about 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?

museum / capital city / Cairo / dignitaries / scientific hub / tourism / the Pyramids / archaeological / ancient / civilisation / entrance / statue / pharaoh / antiquities

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

3. CAIRO: Students A **strongly** believe Cairo is the world's most important city for history; Students B **strongly** believe another city is. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MUSEUMS: What do you know about these museums? Would you like to go there? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	My Interest
Grand Egyptian Museum		
The Louvre		
The British Museum		
National Museum of China		
The Smithsonian		
Acropolis Museum		

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

6. EXHIBITIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best museum exhibitions at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Egyptian archaeology
- History of manga
- Climate change
- Future technology
- The human brain
- Middle Eastern cuisine
- World monarchies
- Oxygen

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. stunning | a. An event to mark the start of something important, like a new building or event. |
| 2. inauguration | b. The main or central place for activity. |
| 3. host (noun) | c. Important or famous people, usually in government or society. |
| 4. dignitaries | d. A person or place that welcomes guests. |
| 5. hub | e. Very beautiful or very impressive. |
| 6. enhancing | f. Begin something new or important. |
| 7. usher in (verb) | g. Making something better or stronger. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. billed | h. Found something that was buried in the ground. |
| 9. ancient | i. Described or called something in public. |
| 10. dominating | j. A king or ruler of ancient Egypt. |
| 11. granite | k. Very old objects from the past, usually from ancient times. |
| 12. pharaoh | l. Being the most noticeable or powerful thing in a place. |
| 13. unearthed | m. A hard, grey stone used in buildings and for statues. |
| 14. antiquities | n. Very old, from a long time ago. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. A new museum in Cairo has a special exhibition on gems. **T / F**
2. Foreign dignitaries hosted the inauguration ceremony. **T / F**
3. The world gave many exhibits to the museum as a gift. **T / F**
4. The new museum is within sight of the Sphinx. **T / F**
5. The museum has more than half a million exhibits. **T / F**
6. There is a 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall statue on the museum's roof. **T / F**
7. The whole Tutankhamun collection is housed in the museum. **T / F**
8. An Egyptian artefact called the Rosetta Stone is in the British Museum. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. stunning | a. discovered |
| 2. inauguration | b. praised |
| 3. hub | c. culture |
| 4. hailed | d. centre |
| 5. vistas | e. remarkable |
| 6. billed | f. acclaimed |
| 7. civilisation | g. launch |
| 8. celebrated | h. treasures |
| 9. unearthed | i. views |
| 10. antiquities | j. described |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. A stunning | a. largest archaeological site |
| 2. an inauguration | b. dignitaries including kings |
| 3. attended by a host of | c. at the British Museum |
| 4. an international cultural | d. vistas of the Sphinx |
| 5. panoramic | e. pharaohs |
| 6. billed as the world's | f. new museum has opened |
| 7. It houses | g. in the southern city of Luxor |
| 8. one of Egypt's most celebrated | h. over 50,000 exhibits |
| 9. it was unearthed | i. ceremony |
| 10. currently on display | j. and scientific hub |

GAP FILL

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

A (1) _____ new museum has opened in Egypt's capital city, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday attended by a (2) _____ of dignitaries including kings and heads of (3) _____. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said GEM "is (4) _____ to become an international cultural and scientific (5) _____, contributing to enhancing tourism promotion in Egypt". Authorities (6) _____ the museum, which cost more than \$1.2 billion to build, as "Egypt's gift to the world". A local tour guide hopes it will "(7) _____ in a new golden age of Egyptology". The location of GEM is also likely to attract visitors as it is situated in Giza and offers panoramic (8) _____ of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

set
hailed
stunning
state
vistas
host
usher
hub

The museum has been (9) _____ as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an (10) _____ civilisation. It houses over 50,000 exhibits that have been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo and from sites across Egypt. Dominating the entrance is a (11) _____ 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall granite (12) _____ of Ramesses the Great, one of Egypt's most celebrated pharaohs. GEM also houses the (13) _____ Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when it was unearthed in the southern city of Luxor. Officials hope GEM will (14) _____ the return of Egyptian (15) _____ held in other countries, especially the Rosetta Stone, which is currently on (16) _____ at the British Museum.

statue
antiquities
entire
ancient
display
billed
towering
encourage

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) A stunning new museum has opened in Egypt's _____
 - a. cap it all city, Cairo
 - b. capitals city, Cairo
 - c. capital cities, Cairo
 - d. capital city, Cairo
- 2) GEM held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday attended by a _____
 - a. boast of dignitaries
 - b. ghost of dignitaries
 - c. host of dignitaries
 - d. host of dignitary
- 3) GEM is set to become an international cultural _____
 - a. and scientific hub
 - b. and scientific hob
 - c. and scientifically hub
 - d. and scientifically hob
- 4) A local tour guide hopes it will usher in a _____
 - a. new gold den age
 - b. new golden age
 - c. new gelding age
 - d. new goading age
- 5) GEM is also likely to attract visitors as it is situated in Giza and _____
 - a. offers panoramic avatars
 - b. offers panoramic visitors
 - c. offers panoramic vistas
 - d. offers panoramic Vespas
- 6) billed as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to _____
 - a. an ancient civilisation
 - b. an accident civilisation
 - c. an ardent civilisation
 - d. an agent civilisation
- 7) It houses over 50,000 exhibits that _____
 - a. have been relocate it
 - b. have been relocate Ted
 - c. have been reel located
 - d. have been relocated
- 8) Dominating the entrance is a towering 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-_____
 - a. tall granite statute
 - b. tall granted statue
 - c. tall granite stative
 - d. tall granite statue
- 9) the entire Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when _____
 - a. it was urn earthed
 - b. it was earthed
 - c. it was unearth
 - d. it was unearthed
- 10) Officials hope GEM will encourage the return _____
 - a. off Egyptian antiquities
 - b. of Egyptian antiquities
 - c. of Egyptian antiquity
 - d. of Egyptian antique cities

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A stunning new museum has opened in (1) _____, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an inauguration ceremony on Saturday attended by a (2) _____ including kings and heads of state. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said GEM "is set to become an international cultural (3) _____, contributing to enhancing tourism promotion in Egypt". Authorities hailed the museum, which cost more than \$1.2 billion to build, as "Egypt's gift to the world". A local tour guide hopes it (4) _____ a new golden age of Egyptology". The location of GEM is also (5) _____ visitors as it is situated in Giza and offers (6) _____ the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

The museum has (7) _____ the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an ancient civilisation. It houses over 50,000 (8) _____ been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo and from sites across Egypt. (9) _____ is a towering 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall granite statue of Ramesses the Great, one of Egypt's (10) _____. GEM also houses the entire Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when it (11) _____ 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 (12) _____ at the British Museum.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What was held at the museum on Saturday?
2. What kind of dignitaries were at the museum on Saturday?
3. What is the museum set to promote?
4. What did authorities hail the museum as being?
5. What did a tour guide say the museum would usher in?
6. How many items will be on display in the museum?
7. What is the age of a statue in the museum's entrance?
8. When was the contents of Tutankhamun's tomb discovered?
9. What does Egypt hope the museum will prompt the return of?
10. Where is the Rosetta Stone on display at the moment?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What was held at the museum on Saturday?
 - a) a laser and hieroglyphic show
 - b) a special lunch
 - c) an exhibition in Egypt's future
 - d) an inauguration ceremony
- 2) What kind of dignitaries were at the museum on Saturday?
 - a) ancestors from ancient Egyptian kings
 - b) kings and heads of state
 - c) shareholders of the museum
 - d) financiers and IT bosses
- 3) What is the museum set to promote?
 - a) education
 - b) SDGs
 - c) tourism in Egypt
 - d) a Cairo football team
- 4) What did authorities hail the museum as being?
 - a) Egypt's gift to the world
 - b) groundbreaking
 - c) a link from the past to the future
 - d) the greatest museum in history
- 5) What did a tour guide say the museum would usher in?
 - a) the spirit of a past age
 - b) an interest in ancient history
 - c) a new golden age of Egyptology
 - d) better relations with Egypt's neighbours
- 6) How many items will be on display in the museum?
 - a) less than 50,000
 - b) more than 50,000
 - c) exactly 50,000
 - d) around 50,000
- 7) What is the age of a statue in the museum's entrance?
 - a) 2,300 years old
 - b) 32,000 years old
 - c) 23,000 years old
 - d) 3,200 years old
- 8) When was the contents of Tutankhamun's tomb discovered?
 - a) in 1922
 - b) in 1923
 - c) in 1924
 - d) in 1925
- 9) What does Egypt hope the museum will prompt the return of?
 - a) Egyptian expats
 - b) Egyptian tour guides
 - c) Egyptian antiquities
 - d) Egypt as a top-10 tourist destination
- 10) Where is the Rosetta Stone on display at the moment?
 - a) the Smithsonian
 - b) the British Museum
 - c) the Louvre
 - d) the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Egyptian Archaeology

You think Egyptian archeology is the best subject for a museum exhibition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the history of manga, climate change or oxygen.

Role B – History of Manga

You think the history of manga is the best subject for a museum exhibition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Egyptian archeology, climate change or oxygen.

Role C – Climate Change

You think climate change is the best subject for a museum exhibition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the history of manga, Egyptian archeology or oxygen.

Role D – Oxygen

You think oxygen is the best subject for a museum exhibition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the history of manga, climate change or Egyptian archeology.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'Egypt' and 'museum'.

Egypt	museum

- 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:

• stunning • host • hub • hailed • usher • likely	• billed • central • entrance • statue • since • return
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EGYPT SURVEY

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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.

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. What do you think of museums?
4. What's the best museum in your country?
5. How important are archaeological sites in Egypt?
6. Would you like to go to the Grand Egyptian Museum?
7. Are online or real museums best?
8. What is your country's gift to the world?
9. What do you think of Egyptology?
10. How cool is an area with the museum, Sphinx and Pyramids?

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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 'museum'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important are museums?
15. What do you know about ancient Egyptian history?
16. What were your country's ancient civilisations like?
17. What do you know about Tutankhamun?
18. Are museums or art galleries best?
19. Should all countries return Egyptian antiquities to Egypt?
20. What questions would you like to ask the museum's boss?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) openers | (b) opened | (c) opening | (d) openings |
| 2. | (a) gargantuan | (b) graduation | (c) ingratiating | (d) inauguration |
| 3. | (a) faces | (b) heads | (c) tails | (d) tops |
| 4. | (a) hump | (b) hob | (c) hub | (d) hove |
| 5. | (a) usher | (b) generation | (c) through | (d) jewel |
| 6. | (a) likely | (b) liked | (c) likelihood | (d) liking |
| 7. | (a) tilled | (b) milled | (c) filled | (d) billed |
| 8. | (a) houses | (b) homes | (c) resides | (d) flats |
| 9. | (a) rusting | (b) towering | (c) heightening | (d) freeing |
| 10. | (a) specimen | (b) set | (c) collection | (d) hoard |
| 11. | (a) potted | (b) pruned | (c) unearthed | (d) harvested |
| 12. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) up |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. held an tiuunaragoni ceremony
2. attended by a host of iasndirget
3. nehaincgn tourism
4. rishtauoiet hailed the museum
5. uresh in a new golden age
6. panoramic istsav of the Sphinx

Paragraph 2

7. the world's largest ieochoacgaarl site
8. an neincat civilisation
9. terngia statue
10. one of Egypt's most celebrated oshaprha
11. it was eethrndua in the southern city
12. encourage the return of Egyptian tiinsatuqie

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A stunning new museum has opened in Egypt's capital city, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an
- () across Egypt. Dominating the entrance is a towering 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall granite
- () especially the Rosetta Stone, which is currently on display at the British Museum.
- () in a new golden age of Egyptology". The location of GEM is also likely to attract
- () inauguration ceremony on Saturday attended by a host of dignitaries including kings and heads
- () of state. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said GEM "is set to become an international cultural and
- () over 50,000 exhibits that have been relocated from the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo and from sites
- () scientific hub, contributing to enhancing tourism promotion in Egypt". Authorities hailed
- () statue of Ramesses the Great, one of Egypt's most celebrated pharaohs. GEM also houses the entire
- () The museum has been billed as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an ancient civilisation. It houses
- () the museum, which cost more than \$1.2 billion to build, as "Egypt's gift to the world". A local tour guide hopes it will "usher
- () the southern city of Luxor. Officials hope GEM will encourage the return of Egyptian antiquities held in other countries,
- () Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when it was unearthed in
- () visitors as it is situated in Giza and offers panoramic vistas of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. stunning A has museum in opened capital Egypt's city .
2. by Attended host a dignitaries of kings including .
3. GEM set is become to scientific a hub .
4. usher It'll a in age golden Egyptology of .
5. It's in situated and Giza panoramic offers vistas .
6. billed It's the as largest world's site archaeological .
7. Dominating entrance the a is towering, 3,200-year-old statue .-
8. was He of one Egypt's celebrated most pharaohs .
9. also GEM the houses Tutankhamun entire collection .
10. will GEM the encourage of return antiquities Egyptian .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A stunning new museum has opened in Egypt's capital city, Cairo. The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) held an *ingratiating* / *inauguration* ceremony on Saturday attended by a host of *dignitary* / *dignitaries* including kings and *heads* / *faces* of state. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said GEM "is set to become an international cultural and scientific *hump* / *hub*, contributing to enhancing tourism *promotes* / *promotion* in Egypt". Authorities *hailed* / *chided* the museum, which cost more than \$1.2 billion to build, *was* / *as* "Egypt's gift to the world". A local tour guide hopes it will "usher *on* / *in* a new golden age of Egyptology". The location of GEM is also *liked* / *likely* to attract visitors as it is situated in Giza and *coffers* / *offers* panoramic vistas of the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

The museum has been *billed* / *bailed* as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to *an* / *the* ancient civilisation. It *houses* / *homes* over 50,000 exhibits that have been relocated *to* / *from* the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo and from sites *crossing* / *across* Egypt. Dominating the entrance is a towering 3,200-year-old, 11-metre-tall granite statue *off* / *of* Ramesses the Great, one of Egypt's most celebrated pharaohs. GEM also houses the *entire* / *entry* Tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922, when it was *dug* / *unearthed* in the southern city of Luxor. Officials hope GEM will encourage the return of Egyptian antiquities held in other countries, *especially* / *particular* the Rosetta Stone, which is currently *at* / *on* display at the British Museum.

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

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

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_ st_nn_ng n_w m_s__m h_s _p_n_d _n _gypt's c_p_t_l
c_ty, C__r_. Th_ Gr_nd _gypt__n M_s__m (G_M) h_ld
_n _n__g_r_t__n c_r_mny _n S_t_rdy _tt_nd_d by _
h_st _f d_gn_t_r__s _ncl_d_ng k_ngs _nd h__ds _f
st_t_. _gypt's Pr_s_d_nt _bd_l F_tt_h _l-S_s_ s__d G_M
"s_s_t t_ b_c_m_ _n _nt_rn_t__n_l c_lt_r_l _nd
sc__nt_f_c h_b, c_ntr_b_t_ng t_ _nh_nc_ng t__r_sm
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a stunning new museum has opened in egypt's capital city cairo the grand egyptian museum gem held an inauguration ceremony on saturday attended by a host of dignitaries including kings and heads of state egypt's president abdel fattah el-sisi said gem is set to become an international cultural and scientific hub contributing to enhancing tourism promotion in egypt authorities hailed the museum which cost more than 1.2 billion to build 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 is also likely to attract visitors as it is situated in giza and offers panoramic vistas of the sphinx and the pyramids the museum has been billed as the world's largest archaeological site dedicated to an ancient civilisation it houses over 50000 exhibits that have been relocated from the egyptian museum in central cairo and from sites across egypt dominating the entrance is a towering 3200-year-old 11-metre-tall granite statue of ramesses the great one of egypt's most celebrated pharaohs gem also houses the entire tutankhamun collection in one place for the first time since 1922 when it was unearthed 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 on display at the british museum

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

Write about **Egypt** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

The Grand Egyptian Museum is the best museum in the world. Discuss.

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

4. MUSEUMS: Write a magazine article about all countries having a state-of-the-art national museum. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 Egypt. Ask him/her three questions about Egypt. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. g	3. d	4. b	5. i
6. j	7. c	8. f	9. a	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An inauguration ceremony
2. Kings and heads of state
3. Tourism in Egypt
4. Egypt's gift to the world
5. A new golden age of Egyptology
6. More than 50,000
7. 3,200 years old
8. In 1922
9. Egyptian antiquities
10. The British Museum

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A stunning museum has opened in Egypt's capital city.
2. Attended by a host of dignitaries including kings.
3. GEM is set to become a scientific hub.
4. It'll usher in a golden age of Egyptology.
5. It's situated in Giza and offers panoramic vistas.
6. It's billed as the world's largest archaeological site.
7. Dominating the entrance is a towering 3,200-year-old statue.
8. He was one of Egypt's most celebrated pharaohs.
9. GEM also houses the entire Tutankhamun collection.
10. GEM will encourage the return of Egyptian antiquities.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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