

Ellie's Ancient Egypt Adventure

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a non-fiction text about Ancient Egypt.

Read the story about Ellie the Elephant's journey. Then, answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words.

Ellie the elephant travelled to a very hot place called Egypt. She walked along the banks of the River Nile. Long ago, the Ancient Egyptians built their homes near this river because it gave them water for their crops. Ellie saw a giant, pointy building called a pyramid. A pyramid was built as a grand tomb for a pharaoh. A pharaoh was the powerful ruler of Ancient Egypt. The desert sand was hot, but Ellie liked looking at the old stone statues. She remembered reading that the Egyptians were very clever at maths and science. They even wrote using special pictures called hieroglyphs instead of letters. Ellie found a piece of papyrus paper near the sand. It felt thin and dry. She felt happy to learn about this amazing civilisation from so many years ago. The history of Egypt is full of mystery and treasure. Ellie decided to write a poem about the golden sun shining over the great monuments.

Word bank: Nile · pharaoh · tomb · pyramid · desert · civilisation

1. What is the name of the river that the Ancient Egyptians lived near? (1 mark)

2. What was the purpose of building a pyramid? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the Egyptians chose to live near the River Nile instead of the middle of the desert? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how do we know the Ancient Egyptians were clever? (2 marks)

5. If you could visit Ancient Egypt, would you want to see a pyramid? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a large pyramid standing in the desert next to the long, blue River Nile.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about what you would pack in your bag if you were going on an adventure to Ancient Egypt.