

Engineering Ancient Egypt with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the structure and purpose of Ancient Egyptian pyramids and the importance of the River Nile.

Use your knowledge of Ancient Egypt to complete the drawing below. Use the word bank to label the key features of the landscape and the tomb structure.

Draw: Draw a landscape scene featuring a large pyramid in the centre. On the left, include the flowing River Nile with green banks representing the fertile silt. Include a small entrance at the base of the pyramid. Use a clean, historical illustration style. Ensure you leave space around your drawing to add labels from the word bank.



Label words: River Nile · Pyramid · Pharaoh's Burial Chamber · Limestone casing · Silt-rich soil · Entrance

Steps:

1. Label the River Nile on your drawing and explain why it was essential for Ancient Egyptian farmers.
2. What material was often used to give the exterior of a pyramid a smooth, bright finish?
3. Why were pyramids constructed with hidden chambers inside?
4. List two items you might find inside a Pharaoh's burial chamber.
5. Explain how the geography of the Nile valley influenced where the Ancient Egyptians built their cities.