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## Level 1

### Egypt archaeologists find large 'city of the dead'

1st March, 2018

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-1.html>

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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/1803/180301-necropolis-1.html>

Archaeologists have found a big cemetery under the sand south of Cairo, Egypt. It is a 2,000-year-old necropolis - a "city of the dead". The necropolis has many coffins and statues. Archaeologists started digging there last year. They found tombs belonging to Thoth. He was a god of the moon and wisdom. People think he invented writing. Egypt's government said: "We will need at least five years to work....This is only the beginning of a new discovery."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the dig, said his team uncovered eight tombs. He expects to find more. The tombs contain historic treasures. One includes over 1,000 statues, pottery jars and other things. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin. He hopes the new site will help to bring more tourists to Egypt. Fewer have come since the revolution that took place there in 2011.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ancient-egyptian-necropolis-contains-message-from-the-afterlife/>  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-egypt-archaeology/egypt-uncovers-ancient-necropolis-south-of-cairo-idUSKCN1G80QI>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Archaeologists have found       | a. old necropolis   |
| 2. under the                       | b. invented writing |
| 3. It is a 2,000-year-             | c. there last year  |
| 4. The necropolis has many coffins | d. to Thoth         |
| 5. Archaeologists started digging  | e. a big cemetery   |
| 6. They found tombs belonging      | f. new discovery    |
| 7. People think he                 | g. sand             |
| 8. the beginning of a              | h. and statues      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the head of                 | a. there in 2011  |
| 2. his team uncovered          | b. find more      |
| 3. He expects to               | c. statues        |
| 4. The tombs contain historic  | d. to Egypt       |
| 5. One includes over 1,000     | e. the dig        |
| 6. help to bring more tourists | f. treasures      |
| 7. Fewer have come since       | g. eight tombs    |
| 8. that took place             | h. the revolution |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Archaeologists have found (1) \_\_\_\_\_ under the sand south of Cairo, Egypt. It is a 2,000-year-old necropolis - a "city of the dead". The necropolis (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and statues. Archaeologists (3) \_\_\_\_\_ last year. They found tombs belonging to Thoth. He was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the moon and wisdom. People think he invented writing. Egypt's government said: "We will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ five years to work....This is only the beginning (6) \_\_\_\_\_ discovery."

Mostafa Waziri, the head of the dig, said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ eight tombs. He expects (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The tombs contain historic treasures. One includes over 1,000 statues, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ other things. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He hopes the new site will help to bring (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt. Fewer have come since the revolution that (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ANCIENT EGYPT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180301-necropolis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ancient 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) \_\_\_\_\_

