

Ancient Egyptian Missing Words Quiz

Time needed: around 20 minutes

Materials needed: Scrap paper and pencil for each child/team

Notes:

- Read each statement aloud, omitting the words in **RED CAPITALS** – these are the answers!
- Ask the children to write down the missing words. They will need to whisper if they are in teams...
- Go through the answers together. Perhaps the winning team/individual gets a house point!
- You could make this more like a TV quiz by using a bell/whistle/similar noise for the missing words!

- 1) According to ancient myth, **BEES** were the tears of the Sun God Ra.
- 2) **DREAMS** were thought to be messages from the Gods and clues to the future.
- 3) **SILVER** was considered to be more valuable than gold.
- 4) Ancient Egyptians loved their cats so much they would shave off their **EYEBROWS** if one died. (and mourn until they grew back)
- 5) The **JACKAL** represents the god Anubis – God of embalming and protector of the dead.
- 6) Ancient Egyptians were the first people to use **PIGEONS** as messengers.
- 7) The sphinx lost its nose in 1798 when **NAPOLEON'S SOLDIERS USED IT FOR TARGET PRACTICE.**
(although pictures drawn in 1737 show the sphinx without a nose – 60 years before Napoleon was there.)
- 8) **SENET** was a game played in ancient Egypt – it is one of the oldest board games in the world.
- 9) In order to stop flies from landing on him, Pepi II kept what nearby? **NAKED SLAVES COVERED IN HONEY.**
- 10) Infections were treated with **MOULDY BREAD.**
- 11) Some Ancient Egyptians slept on **PILLOWS MADE OF STONE.**
- 12) What musical instruments were first used in Ancient Egypt? **FLUTE, CLARINET, OBOE, TRUMPET, SISTRUM (LIKE A TAMBOURINE)**
- 13) If Ancient Egyptians got too drunk at a party, they were shown **A SKELETON** to calm them down.
- 14) Most girls were married at the age of **12 YEARS OLD.**

15) A Pharaoh never let his **HAIR** be seen.

16) Ancient Egyptians believed that **THE EARTH** was flat and round like a pancake.

17) Ancient Egyptians were the first people to make **GLASS**.

18) The Riddle of the Sphinx: 'What goes on 4 legs in the morning, on 2 legs in the afternoon, and on 3 legs in the evening?' **A MAN – BABY ON ALL FOURS, MAN FROM WHEN HE CAN WALK TO WHEN HE GETS OLD, A MAN WITH A WALKING STICK WHEN HE IS VERY OLD.** This is attributed to Greek mythology, the Sphinx of Thebes from Greek mythology who asked this riddle of all travellers who passed by. If the traveller failed to solve the riddle, then the Sphinx would kill them.

19) Ancient Egyptians believed that **EYE MAKE-UP** could help you see better. (They also thought it had magical powers.)

20) Rich people kept **DOGS** as pets. And they used them for hunting.