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Egypt opens ancient pyramids for first time since 1960s

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important step in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also enter an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are part of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.

Sources: <https://time.com/5625968/egypt-opens-pyramids/>
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-07-13/egypt-opens-2-ancient-pyramids-for-first-time-since-1960s>
<https://www.gulftoday.ae/lifestyle/2019/07/13/egypt-opens-sneferu-bent-pyramid-in-dahshur-to-public>

WARM-UPS

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

Egypt / pyramids / capital city / public / opening ceremony / builders / techniques
heritage / tourism / destination / uprising / tunnel / treasure / stone / clay / mummies

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

3. EGYPT: Students A **strongly** believe Egypt is the best tourist destination in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CAPITAL CITY: What do you know about the capital cities of these countries? What can a tourist do there? How great are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Capital City	What You Know	Tourist Activities	How Great
Morocco				
Japan				
Italy				
Jordan				
India				
Argentina				

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

6. TOURIST SITES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The Pyramids
- Mount Fuji
- Sydney Opera House
- Eiffel Tower
- Machu Picchu
- Statue of Liberty
- The Serengeti
- Taj Mahal

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. capital city | a. A formal religious or public occasion, typically one celebrating a particular event. |
| 2. the public | b. Very, very, very old. |
| 3. gathered | c. The most important city or town of a country or region, usually where its government is. |
| 4. ceremony | d. A way of carrying out or doing a task, especially an artistic work or a scientific procedure. |
| 5. ancient | e. All of the people as a whole. |
| 6. pharaoh | f. Came together. |
| 7. techniques | g. A ruler in Egypt thousands of years ago. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. boost | h. A body of a human being wrapped in bandages and buried (especially in Egypt thousands of years ago). |
| 9. tourism | i. Help something to increase or improve. |
| 10. industry | j. The commercial organization and operation of vacations and visits to places of interest. |
| 11. destination | k. A number of experiences or things that a person hopes to have or do during their lifetime. |
| 12. bucket list | l. The place to which someone or something is going or being sent. |
| 13. treasure | m. Economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories. |
| 14. mummy | n. A very valuable object. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

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

- a. Egypt has opened five newly-discovered ancient pyramids. **T / F**
- b. The newly-opened pyramids are north of the capital city Cairo. **T / F**
- c. One of the pyramids is over 4,500 years old. **T / F**
- d. Tourists and visitors will not be allowed to go inside the pyramids. **T / F**
- e. Egypt hopes the new pyramids will bring more tourists to the country. **T / F**
- f. Archaeologists found many ancient buckets at the pyramids. **T / F**
- g. A 79-meter tunnel leads to two deep chambers inside one pyramid. **T / F**
- h. Some of the sarcophagi found at the pyramids contain mummies. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. public | a. methods |
| 2. techniques | b. go in |
| 3. ancient | c. came across |
| 4. enter | d. decreased |
| 5. built | e. people |
| 6. boost | f. rooms |
| 7. fell | g. very old |
| 8. chambers | h. included |
| 9. uncovered | i. constructed |
| 10. contained | j. increase |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Egypt has opened two | a. techniques to build it |
| 2. They are now open | b. mummies |
| 3. Hundreds of people gathered | c. tourism industry |
| 4. Builders used new | d. outside |
| 5. it was an important | e. narrow tunnel |
| 6. the pyramids will boost the country's | f. lists |
| 7. Egypt was a top tourist | g. of its oldest pyramids |
| 8. bucket | h. destination |
| 9. through a 79-meter | i. to the public |
| 10. Some of the sarcophagi contained | j. step |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers (1) _____ of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the (2) _____ for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people (3) _____ outside the Bent Pyramid at a special (4) _____ ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built for the (5) _____ Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important (6) _____ in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also (7) _____ an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was (8) _____ for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

enter
step
built
public
gathered
ancient
south
opening

The two pyramids are (9) _____ of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will (10) _____ the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but (11) _____ numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the (12) _____ lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter (13) _____ tunnel to reach two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient (14) _____ found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a (15) _____ of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained (16) _____.

collection
boost
tourist
narrow
part
mummies
bucket
treasures

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

- 1) Egypt has opened two of its _____
 - a. oldest pyramids
 - b. olden pyramids
 - c. old its pyramids
 - d. old dissed pyramids
- 2) about 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian _____ Cairo
 - a. cap it all city
 - b. cap italic city
 - c. capital city
 - d. cap it tall city
- 3) They are now open to the public for the first _____ 1965
 - a. times since
 - b. time since
 - c. times ins
 - d. time stints
- 4) new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an _____
 - a. importance step
 - b. importance steps
 - c. important steppe
 - d. important step
- 5) Tourists can also enter an 18-metre high "side pyramid" _____ Bent Pyramid
 - a. next at the
 - b. next two the
 - c. next to the
 - d. next too the
- 6) Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the country's _____
 - a. tour risen industry
 - b. tourism industry
 - c. to risen industry
 - d. too risen industry
- 7) Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after _____
 - a. the 2011 uprising
 - b. the 2011 up risen
 - c. the 2011 up rise in
 - d. the 2011 up raising
- 8) At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter _____
 - a. narrowed tunnel
 - b. narrowly tunnel
 - c. narrow tunnel
 - d. narrows tunnel
- 9) They will also be able to see ancient treasures _____
 - a. found insides
 - b. found inside
 - c. found in sides
 - d. found in sided
- 10) Some of the sarcophagi _____
 - a. contained daddies
 - b. contained kiddies
 - c. contained aunties
 - d. contained mummies

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two (1) _____ pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public (2) _____ time since 1965. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bent Pyramid at (3) _____ ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built (4) _____ Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an (5) _____ the development of pyramid building. Tourists (6) _____ an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids (7) _____ the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt was (8) _____ destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on (9) _____ of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter narrow (10) _____ two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to (11) _____ found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection (12) _____ and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

1. How many pyramids has Egypt recently opened?
2. How far are the pyramids from Egypt's capital city?
3. How high is the Bent Pyramid?
4. What did the builders use to build the pyramids?
5. How high is the smallest of the pyramids?
6. What is the UNESCO site the pyramids are part of?
7. When did the article say tourist numbers started to fall?
8. What lists did the article say people around the world have?
9. How long is a tunnel that leads to two chambers in the Bent Pyramid?
10. What was found inside some sarcophagi?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

- 1) How many pyramids has Egypt recently opened?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
 - d) 2
- 2) How far are the pyramids from Egypt's capital city?
 - a) exactly 40kms
 - b) about 40kms
 - c) just under 40kms
 - d) just over 40kms
- 3) How high is the Bent Pyramid?
 - a) 111 meters
 - b) 107 meters
 - c) 100 meters
 - d) 101 meters
- 4) What did the builders use to build the pyramids?
 - a) new cement
 - b) technical experts
 - c) new techniques
 - d) new bricks
- 5) How high is the smallest of the pyramids?
 - a) 16 meters
 - b) 17 meters
 - c) 15 meters
 - d) 18 meters
- 6) What is the UNESCO site the pyramids are part of?
 - a) Giza
 - b) Heliopolis
 - c) The Memphis Necropolis
 - d) Thebes
- 7) When did the article say tourist numbers started to fall?
 - a) 2011
 - b) 2002
 - c) 2015
 - d) 2009
- 8) What lists did the article say people around the world have?
 - a) shopping lists
 - b) top-ten lists
 - c) bucket lists
 - d) to-do lists
- 9) How long is a tunnel that leads to two chambers in the Bent Pyramid?
 - a) 77 meters
 - b) 79 meters
 - c) 76 meters
 - d) 70 meters
- 10) What was found inside some sarcophagi?
 - a) mummies
 - b) aunties
 - c) daddies
 - d) kiddies

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Role A – The Pyramids

You think the Pyramids is the world's best tourist site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, the Taj Mahal or the Eiffel Tower.

Role B – Machu Picchu

You think Machu Picchu is the world's best tourist site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Taj Mahal or the Eiffel Tower.

Role C – The Taj Mahal

You think the Taj Mahal is the world's best tourist site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, the Pyramids or the Eiffel Tower.

Role D – The Eiffel Tower

You think the Eiffel Tower is the world's best tourist site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, the Taj Mahal or the Pyramids.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ancient' and 'pyramid'.

ancient	pyramid

- 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:

• oldest • public • ago • new • 18 • wife	• part • boost • bucket • 79 • see • some
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PYRAMIDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pyramids 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.

PYRAMIDS 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 'ancient'?
3. What do you know about Egypt's Pyramids?
4. How important are the Pyramids?
5. How were the Pyramids built?
6. What was the purpose of the Pyramids?
7. What was life like 4,600 years ago?
8. What was life as an Egyptian pharaoh like?
9. Why do people like to visit the Pyramids?
10. What three adjectives best describe the Pyramids?

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PYRAMIDS 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 'pyramid'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about pyramids in other countries?
15. What UNESCO sites does your country have?
16. What are your country's best tourist sites?
17. What is on your bucket list?
18. Would you like to sleep in a Pyramid at night alone?
19. What do you know about mummies?
20. What questions would you like to ask the archaeologists?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two of its (1) _____ pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south (2) _____ the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people (3) _____ outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was (4) _____ for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important (5) _____ in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also (6) _____ an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are part of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will (7) _____ the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist (8) _____ fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be (9) _____ to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers (10) _____ inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection (11) _____ stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained (12) _____.

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

- | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) ageing | (b) elder | (c) olden | (d) oldest |
| 2. (a) on | (b) to | (c) at | (d) of |
| 3. (a) gathering | (b) gathered | (c) gather | (d) gatherer |
| 4. (a) builds | (b) building | (c) built | (d) builder |
| 5. (a) steppe | (b) steep | (c) step | (d) strep |
| 6. (a) enter | (b) entrance | (c) entry | (d) entrant |
| 7. (a) beast | (b) boost | (c) baste | (d) beaubs |
| 8. (a) numbers | (b) letters | (c) digits | (d) numerals |
| 9. (a) capable | (b) able | (c) ability | (d) abled |
| 10. (a) depth | (b) deepen | (c) deep | (d) deeps |
| 11. (a) off | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 12. (a) daddies | (b) kiddies | (c) grannies | (d) mummies |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. the Egyptian pctiaal city Cairo
2. open to the ubpilc for the first time
3. Hundreds of people aehtgrged outside
4. a special opening eremocny
5. built for the nicaent Egyptian pharaoh
6. an important step in the evldmpoeent

Paragraph 2

7. boost the country's rutiosm industry
8. uckbet lists
9. a 79-meter arnorw tunnel
10. etusarres found inside the pyramid
11. a llcectooin of stone
12. the offcnis people were buried in

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built for the ancient Egyptian
- () pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important
- () coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.
- () archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the
- () world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers deep
- () of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public for the first time
- () after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the
- () of the pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell
- () inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian
- (**1**) Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south
- () step in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also enter an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next
- () The two pyramids are part of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening
- () to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.
- () since 1965. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

1. has its two Egypt of opened oldest pyramids .
2. kilometers About of south 40 the Egyptian capital .
3. to the public for the Open first time .
4. was the for built ancient It Egyptian pharaoh .
5. was important It in step an the development .
6. boost will The the pyramids tourism country's industry .
7. fell Tourist the after numbers 2011 uprising .
8. lists bucket the of On many people .
9. ancient treasures found inside See the pyramid .
10. archaeologists a uncovered Egyptian collection of stone .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two of its *oldest / eldest* pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south *off / of* the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open *to / at* the public for the first time *for / since* 1965. Hundreds of people *garnered / gathered* outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was *building / built* 4,600 years ago. It was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters *big / high*. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an *importance / important* step in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also *enter / entry* an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was *built / builds* for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are *partners / part* of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will *boast / boost* the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a *top / topping* tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 *uprising / risen*. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the *bucket / pail* lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be *ability / able* to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers *deeply / deep* inside. They will also be able to *see / seen* ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a *collection / collector* of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were *buried / burial* in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.

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

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids.
The pyramids are in the Giza Desert, about 40
kilometres south of the Egyptian capital city
of Cairo. They are now open to the public for
the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people
will go to see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the
oldest and largest of the three pyramids.
The Great Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It
was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh
Khufu. It is 146 metres high. Builders
used new techniques to build it and the
highly skilled workers were very important steps in the
development of the pyramid building. The first
construction started in 1860 - the first high pyramid
building next to the Great Pyramid. This was
built for King Khufu's wife Hetepheris.

The two pyramids are part of the Memphis
Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt
has opened the opening of the pyramids will
boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt
was the top tourist destination but tourists
numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. An
ancient site in Egypt and the back to lists
of many people around the world. At the
Great Pyramid, tourists will be able to go to
the 79-metre narrow tunnel to reach the
chambers deep inside. They will also be able
to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramids.
Egyptian archaeologists have uncovered
clay and wood sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in.
Some of the sarcophagi contain mummies.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids the pyramids are in dahshur about 40 kilometers south of the egyptian capital city cairo they are now open to the public for the first time since 1965 hundreds of people gathered outside the bent pyramid at a special opening ceremony on saturday the bent pyramid was built 4600 years ago it was built for the ancient egyptian pharaoh sneferu it is 101 meters high builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important step in the development of pyramid building tourists can also enter an 18metre high side pyramid next to the bent pyramid this was built for king sneferus wife hetepheres

the two pyramids are part of the memphis necropolis a unesco world heritage site egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the countrys tourism industry egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising ancient sites in egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the world at the bent pyramid tourists will be able to go through a 79meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers deep inside they will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone clay and wooden sarcophagi the coffins people were buried in some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids.html>

The Pyramids in Egypt are the greatest tourist attractions 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. THE PYRAMIDS: Make a poster about pyramids. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TOURISM: Write a magazine article about tourism. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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| a F | b F | c T | d F | e T | f F | g T | h T |
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SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. public | a. people |
| 2. techniques | b. methods |
| 3. ancient | c. very old |
| 4. enter | d. go in |
| 5. built | e. constructed |
| 6. boost | f. increase |
| 7. fell | g. decreased |
| 8. chambers | h. rooms |
| 9. uncovered | i. came across |
| 10. contained | j. included |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Two
- About 40kms
- 101 meters
- New techniques
- 18 meters
- The Memphis Necropolis
- In 2011
- Bucket lists
- 79 meters
- Mummies

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids.
- About 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian capital.
- Open to the public for the first time.
- It was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh.
- It was an important step in the development.
- The pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry.
- Tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising.
- On the bucket lists of many people.
- See ancient treasures found inside the pyramid.
- Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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| 1. d | 2. b | 3. d | 4. c | 5. d | 6. c | 7. a | 8. c | 9. b | 10. a |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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