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Level 2 – 20th July, 2019

Egypt opens ancient pyramids for first time since 1960s

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, south of Egypt's capital city Cairo. They are open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside the Bent Pyramid at an opening ceremony. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago for the Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it. The pyramid was an important step in how people built pyramids. There is 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 a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they will boost its tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but a 2011 uprising changed this. Many people have Egypt's ancient sites on their bucket lists. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists can go through a 79-meter tunnel to two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists also found some stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of these sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

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>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. south of Egypt's | a. wife Hetepheres |
| 2. open to the public for the first | b. techniques to build it |
| 3. an opening | c. time since 1965 |
| 4. The Bent Pyramid was built | d. built pyramids |
| 5. Builders used new | e. ceremony |
| 6. The pyramid was | f. 4,600 years ago |
| 7. how people | g. capital city Cairo |
| 8. built for King Sneferu's | h. an important step |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. they will boost its tourism | a. inside the pyramid |
| 2. Egypt was a top tourist | b. were buried in |
| 3. bucket | c. destination |
| 4. go through a | d. mummies inside them |
| 5. see ancient treasures found | e. industry |
| 6. stone, clay and | f. 79-meter tunnel |
| 7. the coffins people | g. wooden sarcophagi |
| 8. these sarcophagi had | h. lists |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Egypt has opened two (1) _____ pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, south of Egypt's (2) _____. They are open (3) _____ for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside the Bent Pyramid at (4) _____. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago for the Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders (5) _____ to build it. The pyramid was an important step in how people built pyramids. There is an 18- (6) _____ pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are (7) _____ UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they (8) _____ tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but a 2011 uprising changed this. Many people have Egypt's (9) _____ their bucket lists. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists can go through a 79-meter tunnel to (10) _____ inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists also found some stone, (11) _____ sarcophagi - the coffins people (12) _____. Some of these sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PYRAMIDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190720-pyramids-4.html>

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.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **pyramids** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
