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Level 5 – 14th November, 2022

Tunnel under Egypt could lead to Cleopatra's tomb

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Egypt is a land of mystery and wonder. Archaeologists hope to unearth the ancient marvels there. Archaeologists at an excavation near the city of Alexandria have made a huge discovery. Archaeologist Kathleen Martinez has dedicated most of her life to searching for the long-lost tomb of Queen Cleopatra. The queen ruled Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Martinez and her team stumbled upon an amazing find. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, 13 metres underground. Architectural experts have called it an "engineering miracle".

Ms Martinez was elated at finding the tunnel and its contents. She said the site had a religious centre with three sanctuaries, a sacred lake, statues, gold, and a huge collection of coins portraying...Queen Cleopatra. Martinez's quest to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in 2005. She said her perseverance was not an obsession. She said: "I simply admire Cleopatra as a historical character." Martinez spoke of the importance of her team's work. She said that if the tunnel leads to Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be the most important discovery of the century".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/egypt-temple-cleopatra-lost-tomb-scli-intl-scni/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Egypt is a land of | a. Egypt |
| 2. unearth the ancient | b. underground |
| 3. made a huge | c. marvels |
| 4. the long-lost tomb | d. an engineering miracle |
| 5. The queen ruled | e. mystery and wonder |
| 6. her team stumbled | f. of Queen Cleopatra |
| 7. 13 metres | g. discovery |
| 8. experts have called it | h. upon an amazing find |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ms Martinez was elated | a. centre |
| 2. the site had a religious | b. to Cleopatra's tomb |
| 3. a huge collection | c. not an obsession |
| 4. her perseverance was | d. of the century |
| 5. a historical | e. at finding the tunnel |
| 6. Martinez spoke of the importance | f. character |
| 7. the tunnel leads | g. of coins |
| 8. the most important discovery | h. of her team's work |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Egypt is a land of (1) _____. Archaeologists hope to unearth the (2) _____. Archaeologists at an excavation near the city of Alexandria have made a huge discovery. Archaeologist Kathleen Martinez has (3) _____ her life to searching for the (4) _____ Queen Cleopatra. The queen ruled Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Martinez and her team (5) _____ amazing find. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, 13 metres underground. Architectural experts have called it (6) _____.

Ms Martinez was (7) _____ the tunnel and its contents. She said the site had a religious centre with three sanctuaries, (8) _____, statues, gold, and a huge collection of coins portraying...Queen Cleopatra. Martinez's (9) _____ Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in 2005. She said her perseverance was (10) _____. She said: "I simply admire Cleopatra as (11) _____." Martinez spoke of the importance of her team's work. She said that if the (12) _____ Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be the most important discovery of the century".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TUNNELS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tunnels 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 **tunnels** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
