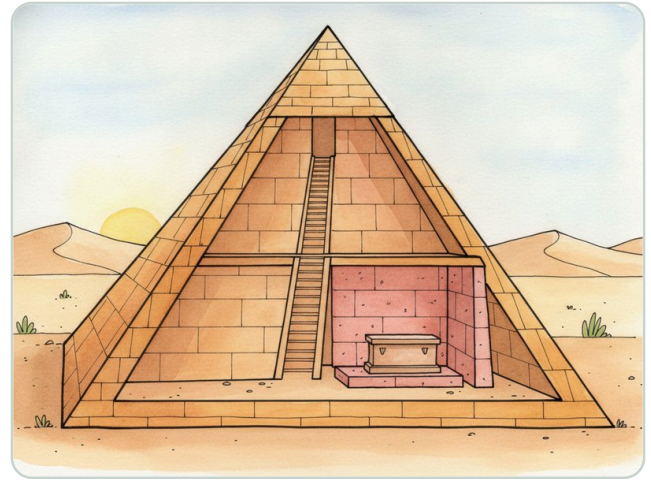


Inside a Pyramid

Read the text. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Long ago, Egypt was ruled by **pharaohs**. These kings were very powerful. The people believed that each one was a god on Earth. When a pharaoh died, he was buried with great care.
- 2 The most famous pyramid is the Great Pyramid at Giza. It was built about 4,500 years ago as a **tomb** for a pharaoh named Khufu. It was the place where his body would be buried. Workers stacked more than two million stone blocks to make it.
- 3 The pyramid is not hollow. It is almost solid stone. To go inside, you walk up a long, narrow **corridor**. This hallway is so low in places that adults must bend over.
- 4 The path leads to a **chamber** deep in the middle of the pyramid. This room is called the King's Chamber. Its walls are made of smooth red granite, and a big stone box sits at one end.
- 5 The things buried with a pharaoh were **valuable**. Gold, jewels, and fine furniture were worth a great deal. Sadly, robbers broke into the pyramids long ago and carried the treasures away. Today the rooms hold no treasure, but visitors still come from around the world.



Inside a Pyramid: Questions

The words near a new word are clues. Underline each clue in the color shown.

1. In paragraph 1, what does pharaohs mean?

red

- ☐ kings
- ☐ builders
- ☐ robbers

2. In paragraph 2, what does tomb mean?

orange

- ☐ a big farm
- ☐ a place where a dead person is buried
- ☐ a kind of boat

3. What does corridor mean? Write the words from the text that helped you.

yellow

4. In paragraph 4, what does chamber mean?

green

- ☐ a stone block
- ☐ a garden
- ☐ a room

5. In paragraph 5, what does valuable mean?

blue

- ☐ worth a lot
- ☐ heavy
- ☐ broken

6. Write your own sentence with the word valuable.

Inside a Pyramid: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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Proof Paragraph 1: “These kings were very powerful.”

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☒ **a place where a dead person is buried**
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Proof Paragraph 2: “It was the place where his body would be buried.”

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Corridor means a long, narrow hallway. Clue: “This hallway is so low in places that adults must bend over.”

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Proof Paragraph 5: “Gold, jewels, and fine furniture were worth a great deal.”

6. Write your own sentence with the word valuable.

Answers will vary. Example: My grandmother keeps her valuable ring in a safe place.