

Secrets of the Pyramids

Name Class Date

Before you watch

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

blocks famous heavy Millions
pyramids wonders

Egypt is ¹ around the world for its ²
³ of people from around the world visit them
every year. The pyramids are made of stone ⁴ The
blocks are very ⁵ The pyramids are one of the
⁶ of the ancient world.



While you watch

2 Watch the first part of the video (up to 00:39) and answer the questions.

- 1 How many giant pyramids are there near Cairo?
- 2 How many people live in Cairo?
- 3 How many years did people work to build the pyramids of Giza?

3 Watch the second part of the video (from 00:42 to 01:12) and circle the correct answers.

- 1 The pyramid of Khufu is *137 / 147* metres tall.
- 2 *4,000 / 5,000* years ago, the builders covered the top of the pyramids with gold.
- 3 The pyramid of Khufu is made of more than *two / three* million stone blocks.

4 Watch the final part of the video (from 01:13). Put the sentences in the order you hear them in the video.

- a The four sides of each pyramid face north, south, east and west.
- b It's the secret of the pyramids.
- c No one knows how the workers built the pyramids.
- d The pyramids were not homes.

After you watch

5 Work in a small group. Research Cairo on the Internet and plan a trip to the city. Discuss the questions and then present your plan to the class.

- 1 When do you want to go?
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- 2 How long do you want to go for?
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- 3 Where do you want to visit?
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