

Secrets of the Pyramids

Name Class Date

Before you watch

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

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



While you watch

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

- How many giant pyramids are there near Cairo? *Three.*
- How many people live in Cairo? *Eight million.*
- How many years did people work to build the pyramids of Giza? *20 years.*

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

- The pyramid of Khufu is 137 / 147 metres tall.
- 4,000 / 5,000 years ago, the builders covered the top of the pyramids with gold.
- 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.

- 2 The four sides of each pyramid face north, south, east and west.
- 4 It's the secret of the pyramids.
- 3 No one knows how the workers built the pyramids.
- 1 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.

- When do you want to go?
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- How long do you want to go for?
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- Where do you want to visit?
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Students' own answers