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Ancient Egypt - Vocab Cards

dynasty]>

a family of rulers that are in power in a country; the period of time when a country is led by members of the same family.

The last family _dynasty_ ruled China until 1912.



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hieroglyphics]>

a form of written language, particularly that of the ancient Egyptians, where symbols represent things.

Almost 2,000 symbols made up the ancient written language of Egyptian _hieroglyphics_.



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mummify]>

to preserve a dead body by wrapping it in cloth strips after embalming it with oils.

Egyptians would _mummify_ their dead, embalming and drying corpses and wrapping them in linen.



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Nile]>

the world's longest river. It goes from Uganda north to Egypt.

People visiting Egypt love taking leisurely cruises down the _Nile_. It's the longest river in the world and ends at the Mediterranean Sea.



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papyrus]>

a type of paper made from a plant used in ancient times.

Ancient Egyptians often wrote on _papyrus_, which was made from a plant of the same name.



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pharaoh]>

an ancient Egyptian ruler.

King Tut, a famous _pharaoh_ of Egypt, ruled for nine years.



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pyramid]>

a large, ancient stone structure with triangular sides and a square base. Such buildings were used as tombs for the rulers of ancient Egypt.

Building each huge stone _pyramid_ was an amazing feat. People still travel to Egypt today to see these tombs.



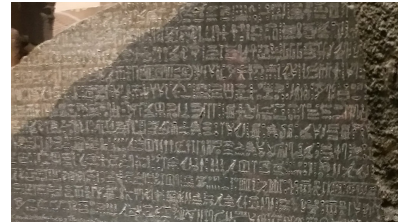
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Rosetta stone]>

a tablet with inscriptions of the same decree written three ways: in Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and demotic characters. It was discovered in 1799 near Rosetta, Egypt, and made it possible for historians to translate hieroglyphics for the first time.

Before 1799, historians could not translate Egyptian hieroglyphics. The discovery of the _Rosetta stone_ changed that.



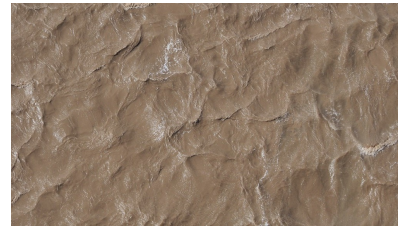
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silt]>

sand, soil, mud and other small particles that sink to the bottom of bodies of water.

The silt that remained on the banks of the Nile after the floods made the soil rich and fertile.



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Sphinx]>

a large statue in Giza, Egypt, of a mythological creature with the body of a lion and a human head.

With its human head and lion body, the Sphinx is one of the most recognizable Egyptian statues.



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