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### Tunnel under Egypt could lead to Cleopatra's tomb

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#### THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221114-cleopatras-tunnel.html

archaeologists hoping to unearth the latest ancient marvel.

Archaeologists at an extensive excavation near the northern Egyptian city of Alexandria have just made such a discovery. Kathleen Martinez, an archaeologist at the University of Santo Domingo, has dedicated most of her life to searching for the long-lost tomb of Queen Cleopatra. The queen ruled over Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Earlier this week,

Egypt is a land of eternal mystery and wonder. It is a paradise for

Martinez and her team stumbled upon an amazing find. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, located 13 metres underground. Architectural design experts have called it an "engineering miracle".

Ms Martinez was elated at the find. She told the CNN news agency about what she found, besides the tunnel. She said: "The excavation revealed a huge religious centre with three sanctuaries, a sacred lake, more than 1,500 objects, statues, golden pieces, and a huge collection of coins portraying Alexander the Great and Queen Cleopatra." Martinez's quest to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in 2005. She said: "My perseverance should not be confused with obsession. I simply admire Cleopatra as a historical character." Martinez spoke of the potential 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-scn/index.html https://www.newsweek.com/cleopatra-tomb-tunnel-possibly-discovered-egypt-1757829

https://www.archaeology.org/news/10972-221109-taposiris-magna-tunnel

#### **WARM-UPS**

- 1. TUNNELS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tunnels. Change partners often and share your findings.
- 2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Egypt / mystery / paradise / archaeologist / tomb / Cleopatra / tunnel / miracle / elated / excavation / sacred / lake / coins / quest / perseverance / obsession

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

- **3. SPENDING:** Students A **strongly** believe all governments need to spend more money unearthing the secrets of our past; Students B strongly believe there are more important things to spend money on. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. ANCIENT SIGHTS:** What do you know about these sights? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote. Try to tell your partner(s) the things they want to know.

|                         | What I Know | What I Want to Know |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| The Pyramids            |             |                     |
| Machu Picchu            |             |                     |
| Stonehenge              |             |                     |
| Angkor Wat              |             |                     |
| The Great Wall of China |             |                     |
| The Acropolis           |             |                     |

- **5. ANCIENT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "ancient". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. ARCHAEOLOGY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best countries for archaeology at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

Egypt

Lebanon

Mexico

China

India

England

Kenya

Australia

#### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

- 1. eternal a. Found by chance.
- 2. unearth b. Lasting or existing forever; without end.
- 3. marvel c. Devoted to a task or purpose.
- excavation
   d. Find something in the ground by digging; discover.
- 5. dedicated e. The action of digging for something, especially at an archaeological site.
- 6. tomb f. A wonderful or astonishing person or thing.
- 7. stumbled upon g. A large chamber, typically an underground one, for burying the dead.

#### Paragraph 2

- 8. elated h. In high spirits; very, very, very happy.
- 9. sanctuary i. The state of one's mind being continually filled with someone or something to a troubling extent.
- 10. sacred j. A holy place; a temple.
- 11. portray k. Keeping going in doing something, despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.
- 12. quest l. Linked to God or a god or dedicated to a religious purpose.
- 13. perseverance m. Show someone or something in a work of art or literature.
- 14. obsession n. A long or arduous search for something.

### **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221114-cleopatras-tunnel.html

#### 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- The article says Egypt is a paradise for archaeologists. 1. T/F
- 2. The tunnel was found near the ancient site of Luxor. T / F
- 3. T / F The tunnel is 13 km long.
- 4. Engineering experts called the tunnel an archaeological miracle. T / F
- 5. The archaeologist was elated at unearthing the tunnel.
- The tunnel contained coins with Cleopatra's face on them. 6.
- 7. An archaeologist has been searching for Cleopatra's tomb since 2005. **T/F**
- 8. The tunnel leads to Cleopatra's tomb. T / F

#### **2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- 1. wonder
- 2. unearth
- 3. dedicated
- 4. ruled
- 5. experts
- 6. excavation
- 7. sacred
- 8. quest
- 9. admire
- 10. importance

- a. dig
- b. devoted
- c. specialists
- d. respect
- e. discover
- reigned
- g. search
- h. momentousness
- i. amazement
- i. holy

#### **3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- Egypt is a land of eternal
- 2. It is a paradise
- 3. Archaeologists at an extensive
- dedicated most of her life to searching for
- Martinez and her team stumbled
- 6. Ms Martinez was elated
- 7. a huge religious centre
- 8. a huge collection of coins portraying
- 9. Queen Cleopatra's
- 10. the most important discovery

- a. the long-lost tomb
- b. Alexander the Great
- upon an amazing find
- d. at the find
- of the century e.
- mystery and wonder f.
- g. tomb
- h. excavation
- with three sanctuaries
- j. for archaeologists

### **GAP FILL**

| Egypt is a land of (1) mystery and wonder. It                   | such         |
|---|--------------|
| is a paradise for archaeologists hoping to (2)                  | dedicated    |
| the latest ancient marvel. Archaeologists at an extensive       | miracle      |
| excavation near the northern Egyptian city of Alexandria have   | milacie      |
| just made (3) a discovery. Kathleen Martinez,                   | eternal      |
| an archaeologist at the University of Santo Domingo, has        | stumbled     |
| (4) most of her life to searching for the                       | ruled        |
| long- $_{(5)}$ tomb of Queen Cleopatra. The queen               |              |
| (6) over Egypt more than 1,000 years ago.                       | unearth      |
| Earlier this week, Martinez and her team (7)                    | lost         |
| upon an amazing find. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel,      |              |
| located 13 metres underground. Architectural design experts     |              |
| have called it an "engineering (8)".                            |              |
|   |              |
| Ms Martinez was (9) at the find. She told the                   | huge         |
| CNN news agency about what she found, (10)                      | elated       |
| the tunnel. She said: "The excavation revealed a huge religious | leads        |
| centre with three sanctuaries, a sacred (11),                   | leaus        |
| more than 1,500 objects, statues, golden pieces, and a          | quest        |
| (12) collection of coins portraying Alexander                   | lake         |
| the Great and Queen Cleopatra." Martinez's                      | admire       |
| (13) to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in                    |              |
| 2005. She said: "My (14) should not be                          | besides      |
| confused with obsession. I simply (15)                          | perseverance |
| Cleopatra as a historical character." Martinez spoke of the     |              |
| potential importance of her team's work. She said that if the   |              |
| tunnel (16) to Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be the                |              |
| most important discovery of the century".                       |              |

### **LISTENING** – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

| 1)  | Egypt is a land of eternal  a. mystery and wonderful  b. mystery and wonder  c. mysterious and wonder  d. my story and wander                                       |
|-----|---|
| 2)  | It is a paradise for archaeologists hoping to  a. in earth the latest b. unearth a latest c. unearth the latent d. unearth the latest                               |
| 3)  | near the northern Egyptian city of Alexandria have just made<br>a. such a discovery<br>b. such the discovery<br>c. stitch a discovery<br>d. such a discover         |
| 4)  | of Santo Domingo, has dedicated most of her life to searching for a. the long-last tomb b. the longest tomb c. the long-lost tomb d. the wrong-lost tomb            |
| 5)  | Architectural design experts have called it  a. an engineering miraculous  b. an engineer ring miracle  c. an engineering miracle  d. an engineer in miracle        |
| 6)  | She told the CNN news agency about what she found, a. besides the tunnel b. insides the tunnel c. bee sides the tunnel d. resides the tunnel                        |
| 7)  | three sanctuaries, a sacred lake, more than<br>a. 1,500 objects, statutes<br>b. 1,500 objects, statues<br>c. 1,500 objects, stats chews<br>d. 1,500 objects, statue |
| 8)  | portraying Alexander the Great and Queen Cleopatra." Martinez'sa. quotes to find b. crest to find c. quench to find d. quest to find                                |
| 9)  | She said: "My perseverance should not be"  a. confused with obsess shun  c. confused with obsession  d. confused with obsessive                                     |
| 10) | her team's work. She said that if the tunnel leads  |
| ,   | a. to Cleopatra's bomb  |
|     | <ul><li>b. to Cleopatra's tomb</li><li>c. to Cleopatra's comb</li></ul>   |
|     | d. to Cleopatra's womb  |

## **LISTENING** – Listen and fill in the gaps

| Egypt is a land (1) a                             | and wonder. It is a paradise for |
|---|----------------------------------|
| archaeologists hoping to unearth the latest       | ancient marvel. Archaeologists   |
| (2) excavation near                               | r the northern Egyptian city of  |
| Alexandria have just made (3)                     | Kathleen Martinez,               |
| an archaeologist at the University of Santo D     | Domingo, has dedicated most of   |
| her life to searching for (4)                     | of Queen Cleopatra. The          |
| queen ruled over Egypt more than 1,000            | years ago. Earlier this week,    |
| Martinez and her team (5)                         | amazing find. They               |
| uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, locate            | ed 13 metres underground.        |
| Architectural (6) call                            | ed it an "engineering miracle".  |
| Ms Martinez (7) the                               | e find. She told the CNN news    |
| agency about what she found, besides the tu       | nnel. She said: "The excavation  |
| revealed a huge religious centre (8)              | , a sacred lake,                 |
| more than 1,500 objects, statues, golden          | pieces, and a huge collection    |
| (9) Alexander the                                 | Great and Queen Cleopatra."      |
| Martinez's quest to find Queen Cleopatra's t      | comb began in 2005. She said:    |
| "My perseverance should not be (10)               | I simply                         |
| admire Cleopatra as a historical                  | character." Martinez spoke       |
| (11) importance of h                              | er team's work. She said that if |
| the tunnel leads to Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be | pe the most important discovery  |
| (12)".  |                                  |

### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

| 1.  | Where does the article say is a paradise for archaeologists?            |
|-----|---|
| 2.  | What has an archaeologist spent much of her life trying to find?        |
| 3.  | When does the article say Cleopatra ruled Egypt?                        |
| 4.  | How far underground is the tunnel?                                      |
| 5.  | What did architectural design experts call the tunnel?                  |
| 6.  | How did Ms Martinez feel about finding the tunnel?                      |
| 7.  | What sacred thing was found in the tunnel?                              |
| 8.  | When did the archaeologist start trying to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb? |
| 9.  | How does the archaeologist feel about Cleopatra?                        |
| 10. | Where might the tunnel lead to?   |

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221114-cleopatras-tunnel.html

- 1) Where does the article say is a paradise for archaeologists?
- a) Luxor
- b) Egypt
- c) Cairo
- d) Alexandria
- 2) What has an archaeologist spent much of her life trying to find?
- a) A hidden pyramid
- b) the Holy Grail
- c) the meaning of life
- d) Cleopatra's tomb
- 3) When does the article say Cleopatra ruled Egypt?
- а) 100-162 вс
- b) 100-162 AD
- c) more than 1,000 years ago
- d) long, long ago
- 4) How far underground is the tunnel?
- a) 13 metres
- b) 30 metres
- c) 300 metres
- d) 3 metres
- 5) What did architectural design experts call the tunnel?
- a) mindboggling
- b) an engineering miracle
- c) a wondrous achievement
- d) Bob

- 6) How did Ms Martinez feel about finding the tunnel?
- a) elated
- b) dejected
- c) consoled
- d) mighty
- 7) What sacred thing was found in the tunnel?
- a) a coin
- b) a bone
- c) a lake
- d) a gold cup
- 8) When did the archaeologist start trying to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb?
- a) 2005
- b) 2008
- c) 2002
- d) 2003
- 9) How does the archaeologist feel about Cleopatra?
- a) nothing in particular
- b) she loves her
- c) she idolizes her
- d) she admires her
- 10) Where might the tunnel lead to?
- a) Cairo
- b) the sea
- c) finding Cleopatra's tomb
- d) a long-lost pyramid

#### **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – Egypt

You think Egypt is the best place to visit for archaeology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mexico, England or Kenya.

#### Role B - Mexico

You think Mexico is the best place to visit for archaeology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Egypt, England or Kenya.

#### Role C - England

You think England is the best place to visit for archaeology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mexico, Egypt or Kenya.

#### Role D – Kenya

You think Kenya is the best place to visit for archaeology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mexico, England or Egypt.

### AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'tunnel' and 'tomb'.

| tunnel | tomb |
|--------|------|
|        |      |
|        |      |
|        |      |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
  - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
  - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| eternal | • found   |
|---------|-----------|
| • near  | • three   |
| • such  | • quest   |
| • life  | • simply  |
| • ago   | work      |
| • 13    | • century |

#### **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.

#### **TUNNELS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Egypt'?
- 3. Why is Egypt such a land of mystery and wonder?
- 4. What do you think of archaeology?
- 5. Why is the work of archaeologists important?
- 6. What do you think of the latest discovery?
- 7. What do you know about Cleopatra?
- 8. How great would it be to find Cleopatra's tomb?
- 9. What would you like to dedicate your life to?
- 10. What is the greatest sight in Egypt?

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#### TUNNELS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'tunnel'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. When was the last time you were elated?
- 15. What do you think about what archaeologists found in the tunnel?
- 16. Have you ever been obsessed by anything?
- 17. Would you like to see an exhibition of the things found in the tunnel?
- 18. What archaeological finds have been discovered in your country?
- 19. Would you like to be an archaeologist in your country?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the archaeologists?

### **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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### **LANGUAGE - CLOZE**

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| 1.   | (a)  | eternity  | (b)  | eternal   | (c)  | maternal   | (d)   | •<br>paternal  |
| 2.   | (a)  | ,<br>marvelling   | (b)  | marvelled   | (c)  | marvelous  | (d)   | marvel   |
| 3.   | (a)  | what  | (b)  | such  | (c)  | much   | (d)   | now  |
| 4.   | (a)  | for   | (b)  | of  | (c)  | to   | (d)   | by   |
| 5.   | (a)  | over  | (b)  | as  | (c)  | under  | (d)   | through  |
| 6.   | (a)  | design  | (b)  | resign  | (c)  | insignia   | (d)   | reigns   |
| 7.   | (a)  | of  | (b)  | as  | (c)  | on   | (d)   | at   |
| 8.   | (a)  | revealed  | (b)  | revelled  | (c)  | levelled   | (d)   | rebelled   |
| 9.   | (a)  | painting  | (b)  | portraying  | (c)  | designing  | (d)   | coining  |
| 10.  | (a)  | preservation  | (b)  | prevarication   | (c)  | perseverance   | (d)   | preservative   |
| 11.  | (a)  | was   | (b)  | has   | (c)  | as   | (d)   | is   |
| 12.  | (a)  | recovery  | (b)  | discovery   | (c)  | covertly   | (d)   | covering   |
|  |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |  |

#### **SPELLING**

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#### Paragraph 1

- 1. a land of <u>eatrnel</u> mystery and wonder.
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- 5. <u>sldubemt</u> upon an amazing find
- 6. design eptrsxe

#### Paragraph 2

- 7. Ms Martinez was laeted at the find
- 8. three urscsieaant
- 9. 1,500 objects, eustsat, golden pieces
- 10. coins tgnariypro Alexander the Great
- 11. My <u>aenreprcsvee</u> should not be confused
- 12. the tneiploat importance of her team's work

### **PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**

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#### Number these lines in the correct order.

| ( | )          | Ms Martinez was elated at the find. She told the CNN news agency about what she found, besides the                         |
|---|------------|--|
| ( | )          | ancient marvel. Archaeologists at an extensive excavation near the northern Egyptian city                                  |
| ( | <b>1</b> ) | Egypt is a land of eternal mystery and wonder. It is a paradise for archaeologists hoping to unearth the latest            |
| ( | )          | dedicated most of her life to searching for the long-lost tomb of Queen Cleopatra. The queen ruled                         |
| ( | )          | of Alexandria have just made such a discovery. Kathleen Martinez, an archaeologist at the University of Santo Domingo, has |
| ( | )          | over Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Earlier this week, Martinez and her team stumbled                                    |
| ( | )          | upon an amazing find. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, located 13 metres   |
| ( | )          | tunnel. She said: "The excavation revealed a huge religious centre with three sanctuaries, a sacred lake, more than        |
| ( | )          | 1,500 objects, statues, golden pieces, and a huge collection of coins portraying Alexander the Great                       |
| ( | )          | be confused with obsession. I simply admire Cleopatra as a historical character." Martinez spoke                           |
| ( | )          | underground. Architectural design experts have called it an "engineering miracle".   |
| ( | )          | and Queen Cleopatra." Martinez's quest to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in 2005. She said: "My perseverance should not |
| ( | )          | to Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be the most important discovery of the century".   |
| ( | )          | of the potential importance of her team's work. She said that if the tunnel leads  |

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221114-cleopatras-tunnel.html

- 1. Egypt a mystery . eternal land of is
- 2. Archaeologists latest to marvel . the ancient hoping unearth
- 3. extensive excavation An northern the city . Egyptian near
- 4. Cleopatra . Queen long-lost the for Searching of tomb
- 5. it miracle . have called an engineering Design experts
- 6. excavation revealed centre. The religious a huge
- 7. portraying the Alexander collection A Great . coins of
- 8. My confused be with not perseverance should obsession .
- 9. admire simply a historical character. Cleopatra as I
- 10. the the most discovery important century . It's of

### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221114-cleopatras-tunnel.html

Egypt is a land of eternal / eternally mystery and wonder. It is a paradise for archaeologists hoping to earth / unearth the latest ancient marvel. Archaeologists at an extensive excavation near the northern Egyptian city of Alexandria have just made such / what a discovery. Kathleen Martinez, an archaeologist at the University of Santo Domingo, has dedicated / predated most of her life for / to searching for the long-lost / newly-found tomb of Queen Cleopatra. The queen sovereign / ruled over Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Earlier this week, Martinez and her team stumbled upon / unto an amazing find / fund. They uncovered a 1,305-metre tunnel, located 13 metres underground. Architectural design experts / expertise have called it an "engineering miracle".

Ms Martinez was elected / elated at the find. She told the CNN news agency about what she found, insides / besides the tunnel. She said: "The excavation revealed / revelled a huge religious centre with three sanctuaries, a / the sacred lake, more than 1,500 objects, statues / statutes, golden pieces, and a huge collection in / of coins portraying Alexander the Great and Queen Cleopatra." Martinez's quote / quest to find Queen Cleopatra's tomb began in 2005. She said: "My perseverance should not be confused by / with obsession. I simply admire Cleopatra as a historical character." Martinez spoke of / at the potential importance of her team's work. She said that if the tunnel leads to Cleopatra's tomb, "it will be the most important discovery / discover of the century".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

### **INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)**

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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### PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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### **FREE WRITING**

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### **ACADEMIC WRITING**

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| Governments need to spend more money on uncovering our history. Discuss. |  |  |  |  |
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#### **HOMEWORK**

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. QUEEN CLEOPATRA:** Make a poster about Cleopatra. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. TUNNELS:** Write a magazine article about building lots of tunnels to reduce traffic problems. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on tunnels. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do with tunnels found in Egypt. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### **ANSWERS**

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

1. h 2. d 3. f 4. е 5. С 6. 7. а 8. h 9. j 10. - 1 11. 13. 14. m 12. n k i

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

2 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 3 F 8 F

#### **SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)**

| 1. | i | 2. e | 3. b | 4. f | 5. c  |
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| 6. | а | 7. j | 8. g | 9. d | 10. h |

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9) WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

| 1.  | Egypt                     | 1.  | Egypt is a land of eternal mystery.                         |
|-----|---------------------------|-----|---|
| 2.  | Cleopatra's tomb          | 2.  | Archaeologists hoping to unearth the latest ancient marvel. |
| 3.  | More than 1,000 years ago | 3.  | An extensive excavation near the northern Egyptian city.    |
| 4.  | Thirteen metres           | 4.  | Searching for the long-lost tomb of Queen Cleopatra.        |
| 5.  | An engineering miracle    | 5.  | Design experts have called it an engineering miracle.       |
| 6.  | Elated                    | 6.  | The excavation revealed a huge religious centre.            |
| 7.  | A lake                    | 7.  | A collection of coins portraying Alexander the Great.       |
| 8.  | 2005                      | 8.  | My perseverance should not be confused with obsession.      |
| 9.  | She admires her           | 9.  | I simply admire Cleopatra as a historical character.        |
| 10. | Cleopatra's tomb          | 10. | It's the most important discovery of the century.           |

#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)**

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

#### **ALL OTHER EXERCISES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English;-)