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Egypt facts

OFFICIAL NAME:

Arab Republic of Egypt

CAPITAL:

Cairo

POPULATION:

83 million

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Arabic

CURRENCY (MONEY):

Egyptian pound, (geneih)

AREA:

386,662 square miles
(1,001,449 square km)

CLIMATE:

Desert - hot and extremely dry;
the north coast gets more rain

MAJOR MOUNTAIN RANGES:

Eastern Highlands

MAJOR RIVERS:

Nile

MAJOR PRODUCTS:

Oil, petroleum products, cotton



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pyramids of giza

- ♀ Giza, Egypt is home to three pyramids that were built around 2500 B.C. by the Pharaohs (kings), **Khufu**, his son, **Khafre**, and grandson **Menkaure**.
- ♀ In Ancient Egypt, the Pharaohs would be buried inside the pyramid with their **treasures** after they died.
- ♀ Khufu's pyramid, known as the **Great Pyramid of Giza**, is the oldest and tallest at 481 feet (146 m) tall.
- ♀ The Great Pyramid of Giza is estimated to be made up of **2.3 million** sandstone bricks.
- ♀ The Great Pyramid of Giza weighs about **5.9 million** tons (5.3 mt).
- ♀ It took at least **20,000** people over **23** years to build the Pyramids of Giza.
- ♀ The **Great Sphinx of Giza** guards the pyramids. It is a creature with the body of a lion and the head of a person.



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food



hummus

Beans (foul) are used in a lot of dishes and can be cooked in several ways. Hummus, an Arabic word meaning "**chickpeas**" is an ancient food. Pita bread, which is served with hummus, is one of the **oldest types of bread** in the world.

ingredients:

15 oz. can (444 ml) of
garbanzo beans, drained
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt
1/4 cup (59 ml) cold water
5 tablespoons (74 ml) lemon juice
1/3 cup (78 ml) tahini paste
Pita bread
Carrot sticks
Celery sticks

directions:

Have an adult help open the can of beans with a can opener and drain the liquid. Place beans in a bowl and mash with a potato masher. Stir in garlic clove (ask adult to chop it), salt, cold water, lemon juice and tahini paste. Serve with warm pita bread, carrots and celery for dipping.



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language



Ahlan



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common words & phrases

The Arabic Alphabet consists of 28 letters and is written from right to left. Arabic is written in cursive and dots are used to make one letter different from another. A single dot can make a certain word mean something completely different.

HELLO

Ahlan (الها)

GOODBYE

Ma'is Salama (معايلا عم)

THANK YOU

Shukran (اارلش)

YOU ARE WELCOME

'afuann (اوفع)

YES

'Aywa (اويأ)

NO

La' (أل)

PLEASE

Min fadlak (للفاضل نم)

HOW ARE YOU?

Izayak (إزيك؟)

I'M FINE, THANKS

Ana bekhair, shokran!

(اارلش ريخب انأ)



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Egypt fun facts

- ♀ Egypt is one of the oldest cultures in the world, dating back **51,000 years**.
- ♀ The **Nile River** is one of the longest rivers. It is over **4,000 miles** (6437 km) long.
- ♀ Ancient Egyptian men and women wore **makeup**. It protected them from the sun and they believed it had magical healing powers.
- ♀ Unwrapped, the bandages of an **Ancient Egyptian Mummy** could stretch for **1 mile** (1.6 km).
- ♀ The Ancient Egyptians invented a lot of things we use today such as **paper, pens, locks, keys** and **toothpaste**.
- ♀ Cats were considered to be **special**. Most families had a pet cat for **good luck**.
- ♀ **King Tutankhamun** was nicknamed “the Boy King” because he became a king when he was only **nine years old!**
- ♀ On average, only an **inch** of rain falls in Egypt per year.



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nile crocodile

- ♀ Nile Crocodiles are the **largest** type of crocodile in Africa and can grow to be about **20 feet** (6 m) and can weigh up to **1,650 pounds** (730 kg).
- ♀ Nile crocodiles can live to be over **40 years** old.
- ♀ They mainly eat **fish**, but will also eat small hippos, zebras, birds and even humans that get in their way!
- ♀ They can eat up to **half** of their own body weight at one feeding!
- ♀ Mummified crocodiles and their eggs have been found in the **tombs** of Ancient Egyptians.
- ♀ The Nile crocodiles were **worshipped** in Ancient Egypt.
- ♀ Ancient Egyptians tried to **tame** crocodiles and they were often kept in the houses of rich people where they were decorated with jewels and allowed to **roam freely!**



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traditional clothes



Egypt traditional clothing

- ♀ Egyptian **fashion** was created to keep cool while in the hot desert.
- ♀ Most of the clothes they wore were made of a fabric called **linen**, that was made from the **flax plant**.
- ♀ They wore a kind of '**tunic**' made of white linen that was similar to a t-shirt.
- ♀ A man's tunic would reach his **knee**, and a woman's tunic would go all the way to her **ankles** and have one or two straps over her shoulders.
- ♀ Children did not wear any clothes until they reached the age of **6**. But they did wear **jewelry** and hair decorations.
- ♀ Wigs made of **horse hair** were worn by both men and women
- ♀ The pharaohs would wear **leopard skins** over their shoulders, a **lion's tail** that would hang from their belt, and a **headdress** on their heads to show that they were kings.



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money



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egyptian pound

(جنيح - Genēh Maṣrī)

- ♀ In 1834, the first Egyptian coins were produced. They are now called **piastres**, and **milliemes**
- ♀ The symbol for the Egyptian pound is **££**.
- ♀ The coins are made of **copper** and **silver**. One side has pictures of the **pyramids** or the **Egyptian seal**, the other side shows its value.
- ♀ Egypt's paper bills are called **pounds**, and they have **Arabic** writing on one side and **English** writing on the other.
- ♀ Bills start at **5 piasters** and go up to **100 pounds**. The smaller the actual bill size, the less it is worth.
- ♀ Egypt has **coins** and **bills** that are the same amount, up to 1 pound, so you could have a 1 pound coin or a 1 pound bill or note.



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trivia questions

Are you a World Discovery expert on Egypt? Let's see how much you learned. The answers are on the back of this card but don't peek!

1. What is the capitol of Egypt?
2. What has the head of a lion and a body of a man?
3. What's one of the oldest types of bread in the world?
4. How do you say "Peace be with you"?
5. How long is the Nile River?
6. What pet did most Ancient Egyptian families have for "good luck"?
7. What is the fabric 'linen' made from?
8. How old was King Tutankhamun when he became King?



1. Cairo
2. The Sphinx
3. Pita Bread
4. Salam Alekum
5. Over 4,000 miles
(6437 km) long!
6. A cat!
7. The Flax plant
8. Nine years old

Let's see how you scored!

8 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Genius**

7 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Expert**

6 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Whiz Kid**

5 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Hot Shot**

4 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Ace**

3 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Explorer**

2 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Jr. Explorer**

1 CORRECT

World Discovery Egypt **Student**



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hieroglyphics



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1.



5.



2.



3.

Answers: 1. Mummy, 2. Camel, 3. Pharaoh, 4. Cairo, 5. Crocodile, 6. Pyramid