

Year 3 and 4 Home Learning  
Geography Week 4  
Wednesday

# Ancient Egyptians

Learning Objective:

To find out about some of the geographical features of Egypt.



What do you think  
Egypt is like as a  
country?

Think, pair, share your ideas.

Sandy or muddy?

Dry or wet?

Busy or quiet?

Hot or cold?

Clean or dirty?

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Did you think Busy? Sandy? Dirty? Hot?

Do you know the answers to any of these questions?

What is the population of Egypt?

What is the capital city of Egypt?

What is the average temperature in summer?

How much does it rain?

How long is the Nile?

What is the average temperature in winter?



If there are questions we don't know the answer to, what sources of information can we use to find the answers?

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The activities are set out into **Bronze** and **Silver** (most children do this) and **Gold** (this is an extra research challenge)

## What is Egypt like?

### Where is Egypt?

Egypt is a country in northern Africa and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt to the east of the country links Africa with southwest Asia. It is situated next to Libya, Sudan and Israel. The Mediterranean Sea lies on the north coast and the Red Sea lies on the east coast.

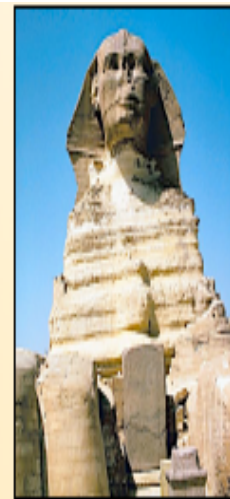


### How big is Egypt?

Egypt is around 675 miles (1085 km) from north to south and 780 miles (1255 km) from east to west. It has an area of 385,229 square miles (997,739 square km). It is the twelfth largest country in Africa.

### How many people live in Egypt?

The population of Egypt is around 81 and a half million people. Most of the people who live in Egypt live in towns and cities near the River Nile. Towns developed here because the banks of the Nile provide the only land that is fertile, which means it is able to grow crops. The rest of Egypt (about 90%) is made up of desert. The population of Cairo is around 8 million people, while the second biggest city, Alexandria, is around 4 million.

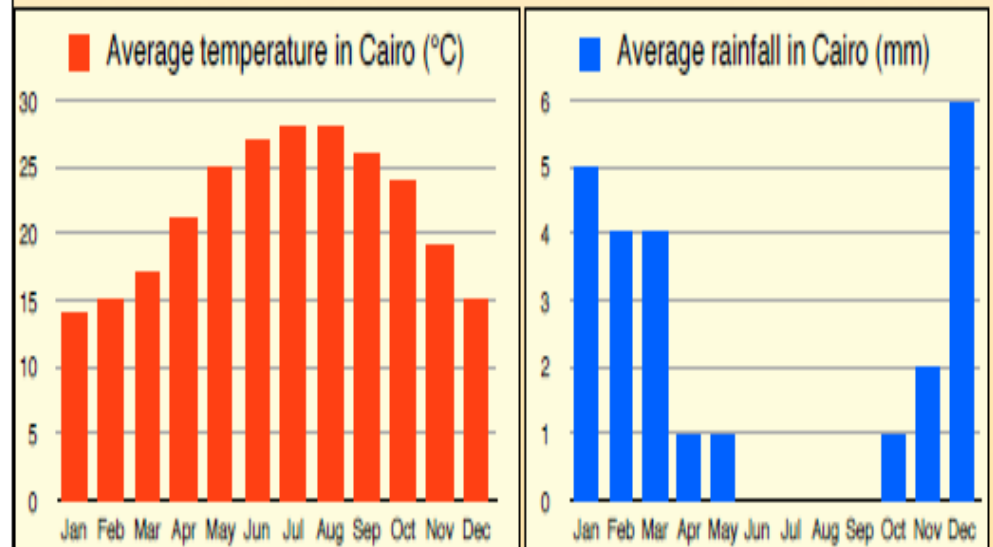


### What is the weather like in Egypt?

Egypt is one of the hottest and driest countries in the world. It has a mild winter from November to April and a hot summer from May to October. The average temperature in Egypt is 22°C but in July (which is the hottest month) temperatures usually reach around 37°C. Temperatures vary depending where in Egypt you are. At night in the desert, temperatures can reach freezing point. There is very little rainfall in Egypt but the wettest months are December to March.

### What is Egypt famous for?

Egypt is famous for its history and the landmarks left by the ancient Egyptian civilisation, such as the pyramids and the sphinx. Egypt is also famous for its river, the Nile. The River Nile is the longest river in the world and runs for 4160 miles (6695 km).



## Bronze

Can you match the ends of these sentences to the beginnings to find out some geographical facts about Egypt?



The capital of Egypt is

usually 28°C

The population of Egypt is about

4 million people

The highest temperature in Cairo in July is

81 and a half million people

The coldest month of the year in Cairo is

Cairo

The lowest temperature in Cairo in January is

8 million people

The second largest city in Egypt is

Alexandria

The population of Cairo is about

usually 14°C

The population of Alexandria is about

January

Read the Information Sheet and then answer these questions about Egypt.



**Silver** Answer the questions in your book.

1. Which continent does the Sinai Peninsula link Africa with? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long is Egypt from north to south? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the area of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why do most people who live in Egypt live near the Nile? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the capital city of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the second biggest city in Egypt and what is the population? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the average temperature in Cairo in December? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is the average temperature in Cairo in July? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are the wettest months in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_



9. What is the difference between the average rainfall in January and July? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. What is special about the River Nile? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Name three reasons why you think people would visit Egypt on holiday:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Gold** Create your own factfile using these headings..or use the headings on the next page. You choose..

|  EGYPT TODAY  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <u>Location</u>  | <u>Climate</u> |
| <u>Interesting Facts</u>   |                |

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| <u>Interesting Facts</u> |                   |
| <u>Population</u>        | <u>River Nile</u> |

# All About Egypt...



Capital city:

Population of capital city:

Length north to south:

Length east to west:

Country size rank (Africa):

Population of Egypt:

Name of major river in Egypt:

Length of major river:

Winter months:

Summer months:

Average temperature of Egypt:

Hottest month:

Coldest month:

Percentage of landscape made up of desert:

Wettest month:

Amount of rain between June and September:



Tell someone in your household 5 interesting facts about the geographical features of Egypt...

What do you think the main differences are between Egypt and the country you live in?



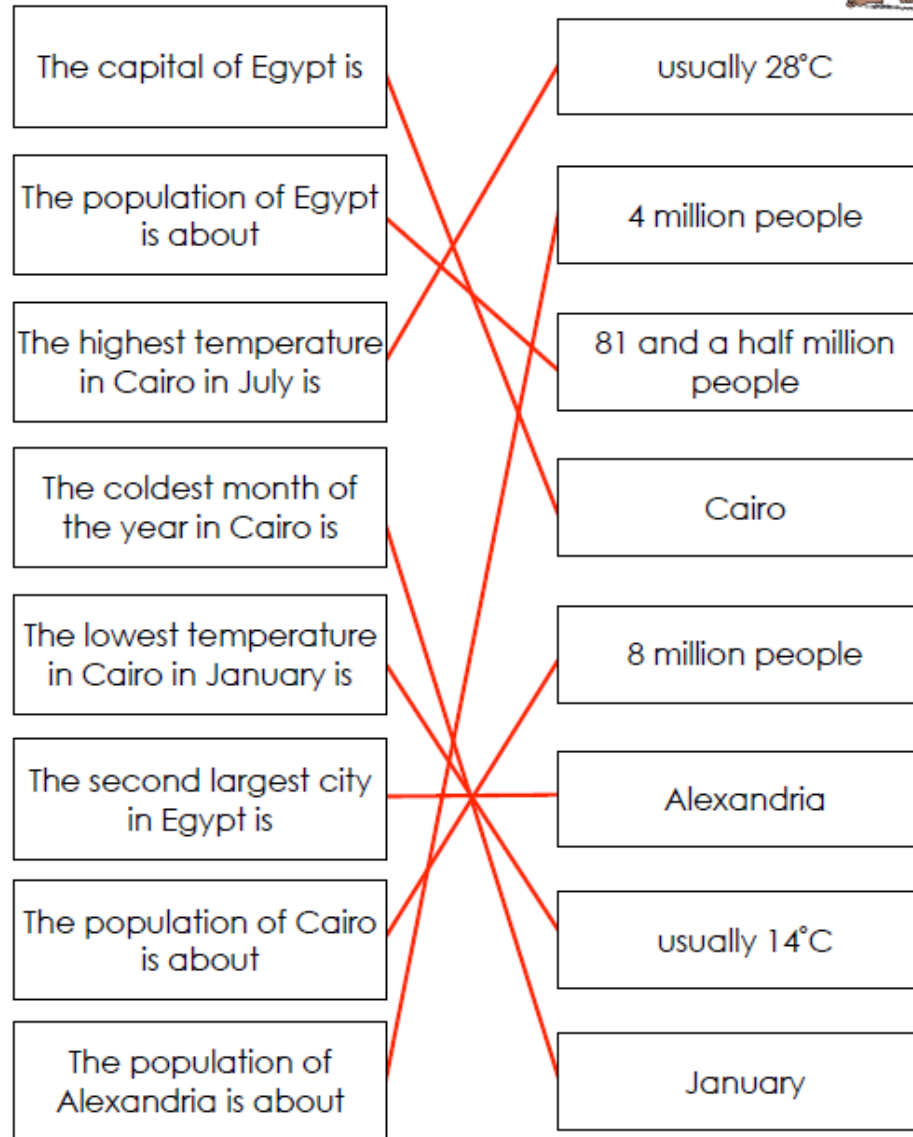
Are there any similarities between Egypt and the country you live in?

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## Answers

BRONZE

Can you match the ends of these sentences to the beginnings to find out some geographical facts about Egypt?



Read the Information Sheet and then answer these questions about Egypt.



1. Which continent does the Sinai Peninsula link Africa with? Asia
2. How long is Egypt from north to south? 675 miles (1085 km)
3. What is the area of Egypt? 385,229 square miles (997,739 km<sup>2</sup>)
4. Why do most people who live in Egypt live near the Nile? Most people live near the Nile because it provided fertile land for crops to grow for food.  
The rest of Egypt is mostly desert.
5. What is the capital city of Egypt? Cairo
6. What is the second biggest city in Egypt and what is the population? Alexandria has a population of 4 million people
6. What is the average temperature in Cairo in December? 15°C
7. What is the average temperature in Cairo in July? 28°C
8. What are the wettest months in Egypt? December and January
9. What is the difference between the average rainfall in January and July? 5 mm
10. What is special about the River Nile? It is the longest river in the world.
11. Name three reasons why you think people would visit Egypt on holiday:
  - To see the famous landmarks.
  - To experience hot weather.
  - To see the deserts.

Hunt around the classroom for these facts and write the answers in the right boxes...



# All About Egypt...

Capital city:

**Cairo**

Population of capital city:

**8 million people**

Length north to south:

**675 miles**

Length east to west:

**780 miles**

Country size rank (Africa):

**12<sup>th</sup>**

Population of Egypt:

**81 and a half million people**

Name of major river in Egypt:

**The River Nile**

Length of major river:

**4160 miles**

Winter months:

**November to April**

Summer months:

**May to October**

Average temperature of Egypt:

**22°C**

Hottest month:

**July**

Coldest month:

**January**

Percentage of landscape made up of desert:

**90%**

Wettest month:

**December**

Amount of rain between June and September:

**0 mm**

**GOLD**