The Pyramid Builders



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PM writing

Information Report & Recount

The Pyramid Builders

Level 25 Emerald

Key Learning Area **Social Studies/History**

Theme **The pyramid builders of ancient Egypt**

Title **The Great Pyramid of Giza**

Text Type *Information Report*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Reference**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To present information that classifies living or non-living things**

Text Structure

General Statement: Identifies and classifies the subject *(Pages 2–3)*.

Description: Provides information about the subject's physical appearance and other characteristics *(Pages 4–7)*.

Evaluation: Provides a summary statement about the subject *(Page 8)*.

Language Features

- Nouns (*e.g. Egypt, villages*)
- Pronouns (*e.g. it, they*)
- Adjectives (*e.g. massive, Some*)
- Present tense verbs (*e.g. is, built*)
- Adverbs (*e.g. skilfully*)
- Adverbial phrases (*e.g. in a nearby town*)

Title **Building the Great Pyramid**

Text Type *Recount*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Letter**

Genre **Fiction**

Purpose **To retell and evaluate events and experiences**

Text Structure

Orientation: Provides information about who, where and when *(Page 10)*.

Sequence of Events: Presents events in chronological order *(Pages 11–16)*.

Personal Comment: Evaluates the events that took place *(Page 16)*.

Language Features

- Nouns (*e.g. block, workers*)
- Pronouns (*e.g. I, we*)
- Adjectives (*e.g. temporary, mudbrick*)
- Past tense verbs (*e.g. walked, was found*)
- Adverbs (*e.g. well, safely*)
- Adverbial phrases (*e.g. on my way to work*)
- Time and sequence words (*e.g. When I arrived here*)

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The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Great Pyramid of Giza is in Egypt. It was built more than 4500 years ago. Thousands of workers from villages and towns all over Egypt built the pyramid.



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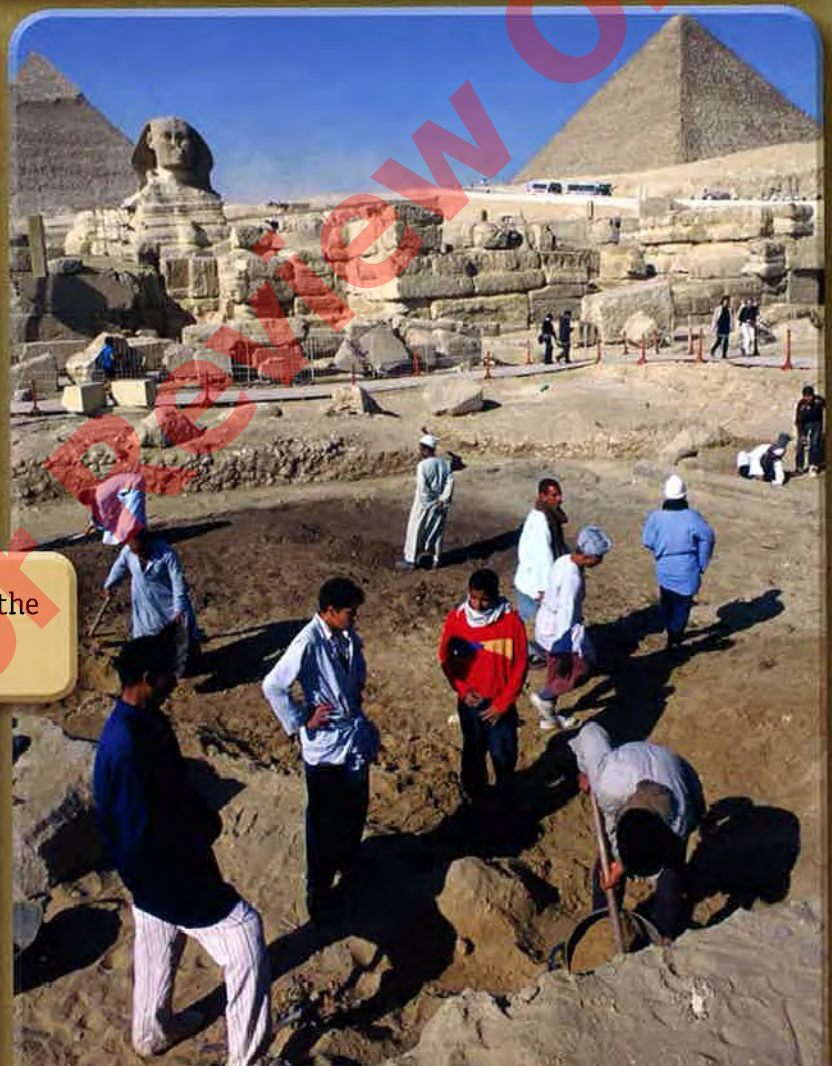
Many of the workers who built the pyramid lived beside it during its construction. Supervisors and other permanent workers lived in a nearby town with their families. It is believed there were about 5000 permanent workers at the pyramid.



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Temporary workers travelled to Giza to work on the pyramid for three or four months. They lived in a camp beside the main town. Around 20 000 workers lived in the camp.

After they had finished working on the pyramid they returned to their villages and towns.



excavations near the pyramids at Giza

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It took 20 years to construct the Great Pyramid of Giza. There were many different jobs to be done.

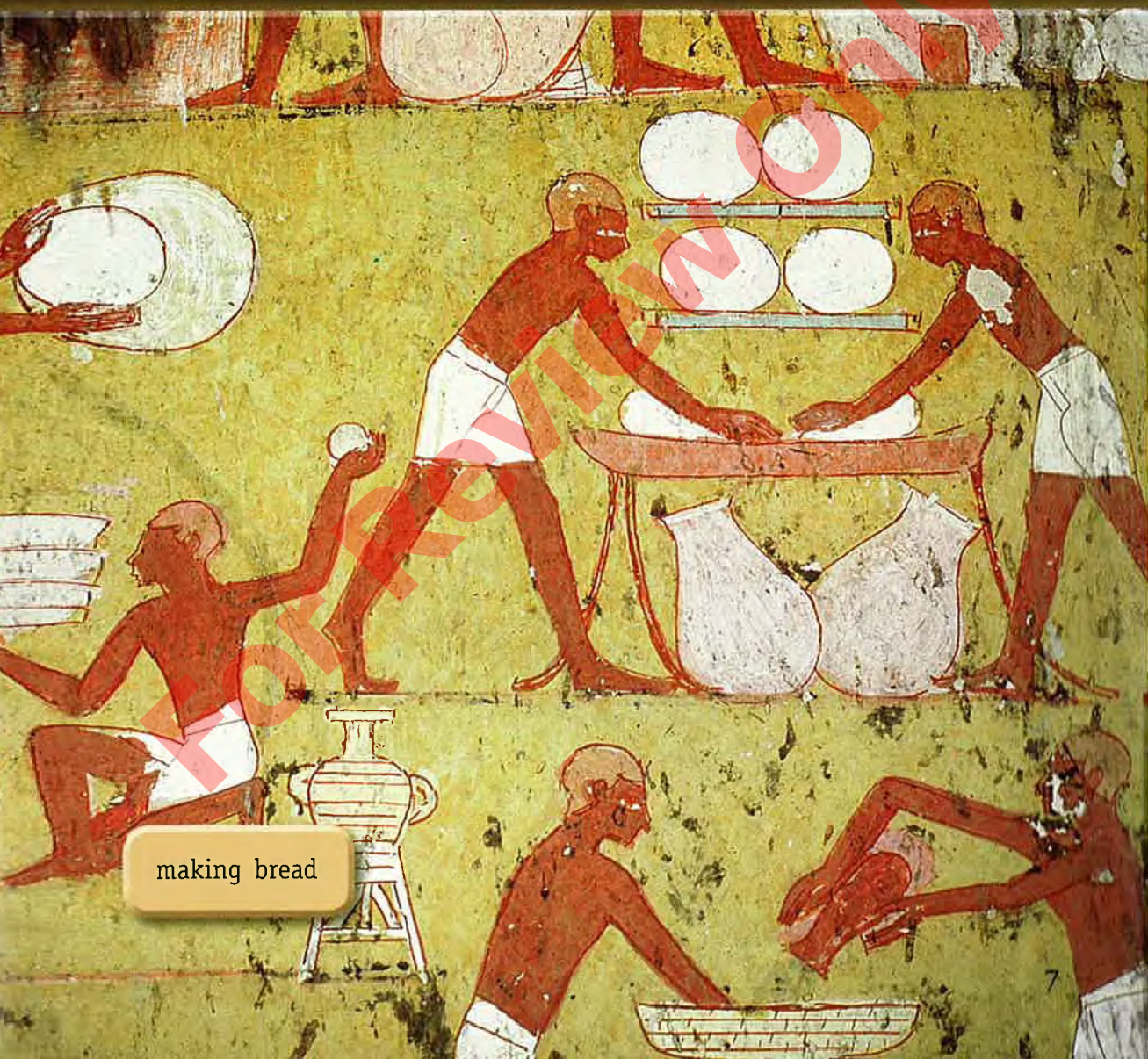
Some workers helped put the massive stones in place. Other workers skilfully made tools, or built ramps for the stones.



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There were factories near the workers' town and camp. Some factories manufactured goods such as metal tools. Others made bread or other foods, or provided meat for the workers.

Pyramid workers were paid their wages in beer and loaves of bread. These could be swapped for other food and goods the workers needed, such as clothing.



making bread

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