

## Pharaohs

Let's travel back 5000 years to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings.

Find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Unravel the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and age-old artefacts. Find out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods! Learn about the preparation of a body for its journey into the afterlife. Now open the doorway to ancient Egypt - who knows what treasures you will find?

## Egypt

Egypt is in the north-east corner of Africa and is well-known for its ancient history and culture. Much of Egypt is covered in desert and there is very little rain. The Nile is the main river that flows through Egypt.



A map of Egypt



## Key vocabulary

**Climate:** The long term weather conditions of an area.

**Climate Change:** Changes in the earth's climate, especially the gradual rise in temperature, as a result of human activity.

**Climate Zone:** Sections of the Earth that are divided according to the planet. There are 3 main climate zones; polar, temperate and tropical.

**Biome:** A natural area of vegetation and animals.

**Latitude:** angular distance is measured from the equator.

**Longitude:** The lines running vertically around the Earth.

**Equator:** an imaginary circle around Earth. It divides the Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere

**Tropic of Cancer:** the parallel of latitude that is north of the equator

**Tropic of Capricorn:** the parallel of latitude that is south of the equator

**Environmental region:** areas that are broadly divided by physical characteristics such as rainforest and desert.

**Time zones:** A region of the globe that observes a uniform standard time  
**Country:** a geographical region of a country

**Desert:** is a landscape form or region that receives very little rain.



## Key knowledge

- Climate zones are areas around the world with a certain pattern of weather.
- The main climate zones are: Tropical, Arid, Temperate, Polar, Continental and Mediterranean.
- The Mediterranean climate is characterised by dry summers and mild, wet winters whereas the Tropical climate is very warm and wet throughout the year.
- Vegetation belts are regions of the world that are home to certain plant species determined by the climate.
- There are five major types of biomes: aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, and tundra.

## Useful links

