
Egypt
for little travellers

My first map of Egypt

Egypt is a big country. Some places are by the sea, some are beside the River Nile, and others are in the middle of the dry desert.

Follow the blue River Nile with your finger. Aswan, Luxor and Cairo are all beside it. The pyramids at Giza stand near Cairo.

Find the Red Sea on the map and choose a place you'd like to explore. What's nearby, and what's farther away?



A turtle in the sea

A sea turtle has a hard shell and long flippers instead of legs. It uses its front flippers to push through the water. It may remind you of a bird flapping its wings.



Although it lives in the sea, a turtle breathes air. Every so often, it swims to the surface for a breath before diving down again.



It searches the sea for food and places to rest. Its flippers move in steady strokes, carrying it from one place to another beneath the waves.



TRY IT! Move your arms slowly, just like a turtle moving its flippers.

How big is a pyramid?



Khufu's pyramid was originally about 146 metres tall. That's roughly as high as a forty-storey building. A person standing beside it looks tiny!

It is very wide too. A walk all the way around the pyramid is almost a kilometre. It takes much longer than walking around an ordinary house.

A pyramid is built from huge stone blocks. Many are far too heavy for one person to lift. Whole teams of people had to work together to move them.

Bedouin families in the desert





Bedouin families also live in Egypt. Their ancestors knew the desert well. They knew where to travel, how to find water and where to shelter from the heat.

Some families travelled with their animals from place to place. They used tents they could pack up and put up somewhere else. Others stayed in one place.

Today, many Bedouin families live in houses and their boys and girls go to school. Families may still pass down stories and knowledge of the desert.