

# Monday

## Mild

### **The Pyramids of Ancient Egypt<sup>1</sup>**

The pyramids were tombs that were built for the pharaohs – the kings. The size of the pyramid is believed to signify the level of importance of the person entombed inside.<sup>4</sup> Due to their belief that a mummified person would live forever, the ancient Egyptians built these tombs to keep their bodies safe when they departed from the world.

It is not known how many men it took to build a pyramid, with estimates ranging from 2000 to 100,000! Pyramid building would always happen when the Nile was flooded which is thought to be because the water was used to transport the stone.

### **The Tomb<sup>3</sup>**

From the outside, the pyramids<sup>5</sup> look quite simple but inside were various passages and chambers, some with secret entrances and trapdoors.

The mummified<sup>5</sup> body of the pharaoh<sup>5</sup> would be placed in a sarcophagus<sup>5</sup> (a large stone coffin), which was then surrounded by other chambers containing precious items that were thought to be needed in the afterlife. Other chambers might be used for family members.

### **Hieroglyphics<sup>3</sup>**

The chambers and passages were intricately decorated with pictures and hieroglyphics<sup>5</sup>. At the Pyramid of Unas, many hieroglyphics were found – they are believed to tell stories of the King, religious tales, requests for help from the gods in the journey to the afterlife and serve as a warning to grave robbers!

### **The Sphinx<sup>3</sup>**

The sphinx<sup>5</sup> is a mythical creature with a Pharaoh's head, the body of a lion and sometimes the wings of a large bird. The word means 'father of dread' or 'the terrifying one'. Made of limestone, it sits near the Pyramids of Giza and is the largest stone statue in the world, at over 73m long, 19m wide and 20m high. It was believed to have been built during the reign of Khafra with the face made in his likeness. In mythology, the sphinx is believed to have asked impossible riddles and eaten anyone who answered incorrectly.

### Which Is the Oldest Pyramid?<sup>3</sup>

Over 130 pyramids have been found in Egypt. The oldest, the Pyramid of Djoser, was built over 4000 years ago in Saqqara, south of Cairo. It was designed by the architect, Imhotep, and built during the third dynasty. This is thought to be the oldest monumental structure in the world made from cut stone.

### Where Are the Most Famous Pyramids?<sup>3</sup>

The most famous pyramids are those in Giza. The largest of these pyramids is known as the 'Great Pyramid of Giza' and was built for Pharaoh Khufu. It took over 20 years to build and stood over 140 meters high, with many smaller pyramids **surrounding**<sup>4</sup> it. Because the outer layer of stone has worn down, the pyramid now has a rough, rocky surface. **However**<sup>4</sup>, when the pyramid was originally built, it would have had an outer layer of stone with a smooth appearance. This pyramid is one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World'; in fact, it is the only one still standing. Built over 4500 years ago, this pyramid was the tallest man-made structure in the world until the 1300s. Approximately 2,300,000 limestone blocks were used, each weighing on average 2.5 tons.

The Khufu pyramid complex included five boat pits containing ships. It is not known whether these vessels ever touched water, were intended for the King's use in the afterlife, or perhaps transferring the King's body along the Nile to his tomb.

Nearby, stands the pyramid of Kafre, who was the son of Khufu and ruled between 2558 and 2532 BC. His pyramid was slightly smaller than that of his father but the two entrances have led some to believe that it was originally planned to be bigger.

Pyramids are fascinating but there is still much that we don't know about them; archaeologists continue their work in an attempt to discover more about the ancient world.

#### Key

1. Include a title which tells my reader what my report is about.
2. Write an introduction giving the reader some brief information about the topic.
3. Use organisational devices to structure my text e.g. sub-headings, bullet points.
4. Use a formal tone.
5. Use technical or topic language.
6. End with a summary.

## Wednesday

### Mild

|                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Why is repetition effective in a speech?                                                             |
| A. It makes it funny                                                                                    |
| B. It supports your point                                                                               |
| C. It reinforces a key point                                                                            |
| 2. How can you give authority to your speech?                                                           |
| A. Give your own opinions                                                                               |
| B. Quote experts or statistics                                                                          |
| C. Use humour                                                                                           |
| 3. What effective speech techniques are being used here?<br>'You hold our fragile future in your hand's |
| A. Humour and facts                                                                                     |
| B. Statistics and repetition                                                                            |
| C. Alliteration and imagery                                                                             |
| 4. What is the main purpose of a speech opening?                                                        |

A. Getting the listeners attention

B. Giving evidence

C. Linking points together

5. How can you make sure the point of your speech is clear?

A. Using lots of metaphors

B. Using lots of details and facts

C. Repeat and reinforce the point

# Medium

## Writing to Persuade **Answers**

Imperative Verbs

Considered Repetition

Adverbials

Rhetorical Questions

### **Vote for Badger**

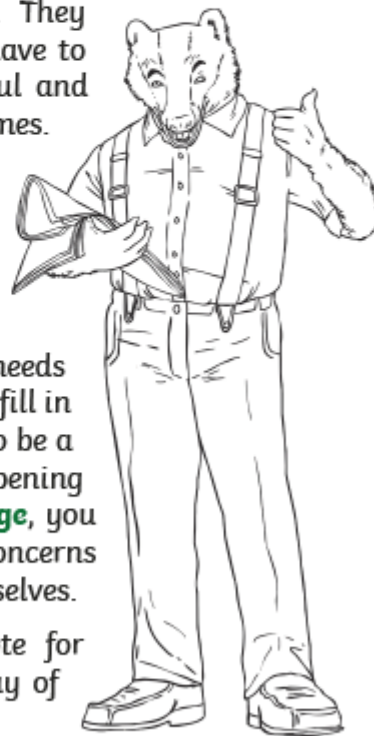
**At the next election**, you have a vital choice to make. **For too long**, this area has been ruled by the tyrant, Fox. It's time for a change. **Make** that change happen by voting for **Badger**.

**Having lived in this constituency since they were a cub**, **Badger** understands the needs of this town better than anyone. They remember the days when animals wouldn't have to scavenge for scraps because food was plentiful and they are determined to return us to those times.

**Having worked closely with locals**, **Badger** has set out a plan which will revolutionise the way that we interact with each other and the land around us.

**Badger** believes in putting you first. **Imagine** that you have an issue which you feel needs addressing. **At the moment**, you would need to fill in a form and wait several weeks only for there to be a slim chance of one of Fox's advisors actually opening your letter and replying. **With Badger in charge**, you will receive regular opportunities to air your concerns with public meetings chaired by **Badger** themselves.

**Remember:** a vote for **Badger** means a vote for **a better** world for your children; **a better** way of life and **a better** tomorrow.



**You wouldn't want to vote for anyone else, would you?**

# Thursday

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Dear Diary,

Yesterday, my very first lesson at Hobworth Primary School was literacy. We were learning about biographies and focusing on famous authors. I'd worked on this genre at my old school so I felt confident with what I'd been asked to do. Mr Mills, my new teacher, seemed pleased with what I'd produced at the end of the lesson.

**Introduction paragraph briefly covering who, what, when and where about the event**

**Naming specific people**

**Describing things**

Next it was assembly and Mrs Clements, the head teacher, was telling everyone about the school fayre and how we could buy raffle tickets to win a gigantic Easter egg. At the end of the assembly, Mrs Clements asked how I was getting on, so I told her that I'd had a funny feeling in my stomach all morning. She reassured me by explaining that she remembered having that same feeling on her first day, too.

**Description of feelings/emotions**

**Time conjunctions – events are in chronological order**

After assembly, it was break time. Mr Mills asked Louis and Peter to show me around the absolutely huge playground. The boys told me about the activities on offer and what I should do if I was ever upset about something during break or lunch.

Next, it was the class spelling test and as it was my first day, Mr Mills just told me to have a go. I didn't do too badly when you think I'd not even practised the words! Suddenly the bell rang, signalling that it was lunch time.

**First or third person depending on if the writer was present**

I chatted outside in the school garden with Louis, Isma, Peter and Mike during the lunch break. They asked me loads of questions about my old school and I explained that the hardest part

# Friday

## Mild

### Fact or Opinion?

Snakes can be wondrous and awe-inspiring. Many consider them to be a creature to fear and avoid, whilst some believe them to be full of grace and beauty. As well as being a fearsome predator in the wild, snakes can also be a fun pet to care for at home.

Whatever you think of snakes, there are currently more than 3000 different species and at least one type of snake can be found in every continent – except for Antarctica. This is because, as a reptile, snakes are cold-blooded: they do not produce their own body heat. Any snake living in Antarctica would freeze to death rapidly.

Snakes come in a variety of sizes. The thread snake will only grow to about 3.9 inches long, whereas the reticulated python can grow to longer than 6 metres!

Snakes are carnivorous, meaning that they consume meat. Some people believe that all snakes kill their prey with venom. Only a few species do this, such as the cobra and viper. Most snakes will eat their prey whole. A snake's jaw is capable of unhinging, so that it can swallow prey 75% larger than itself.

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a **FACT** or **OPINION**.

|                                                                                            | Fact | Opinion |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Snakes can be wondrous and awe-inspiring.                                                  |      | ✓       |
| There are currently more than 3000 different species of snake.                             | ✓    |         |
| Snakes are full of grace and beauty.                                                       |      | ✓       |
| Snakes can also be a fun pet to care for at home.                                          |      | ✓       |
| Snakes are carnivorous, meaning that they consume meat.                                    | ✓    |         |
| A snake's jaw is capable of unhinging, so that it can swallow prey 75% larger than itself. | ✓    |         |

## Medium

### Fact or Opinion?

Today, I'm here to interview Leicester City goalkeeper, Kasper Schmeichel.

Interviewer: Thank you so much for speaking to me today. May I begin by saying well done for an amazing season? Leicester City are the 15/16 Premier League champions, much to the astonishment of many.

Kasper: Thank you. We had an interesting season, that's for sure. It's all thanks to a great manager and some really talented players.

Interviewer: Your opponents found it difficult to get goals past you. Why do you think this is?

Kasper: Well, I'm over 6 feet tall and weigh 12 stone, which means that I'm tall and agile enough to be an intimidating figure between the posts.

Interviewer: Your father is the former Manchester United goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel. Many consider him to be a legend, and one of the best goalkeepers of his generation. Has he taught you much?

Kasper: Lots! Many people say I'm lucky enough to share many of my father's qualities. I seem to have inherited his skills in goal.

Interviewer: Many thanks Kasper and good luck with the next season.

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a FACT or OPINION.

|                                                                                      | Fact | Opinion |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Kasper Schmeichel is the goalkeeper for Leicester City.                              | ✓    |         |
| Leicester City are the 15/16 Premier League champions.                               | ✓    |         |
| We had an interesting season, that's for sure.                                       |      | ✓       |
| Many consider him to be a legend, and one of the best goalkeepers of his generation. |      | ✓       |
| I'm over 6 feet tall and weigh 12 stone.                                             | ✓    |         |
| Your father is the former Manchester United goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel.            | ✓    |         |
| It's all thanks to a great manager and some really talented players.                 |      | ✓       |
| Many people say I'm lucky enough to share many of my father's qualities.             |      | ✓       |

# Spicy

## Fact or Opinion?

### Kind-hearted Scouts Raise Money for Worthy Causes.

A fun day was had by all as local Scouts raise money for charity.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, a local Scout group raised a grand total of £560 by holding a charity fundraising event.

The children, aged between 10 and 14, organised a bake sale, beetle drive, penalty shoot out, face painting, donkey rides and car wash, all in aid of charity.

The Scout Leader, Robert Cartwright (35) said "I'm so proud of everyone involved. The Scouts worked really hard to make the day a success. We all enjoyed a day of fun, whilst raising money for good causes at the same time."

The local residents turned out in force to support the event. Arthur Edwards (75) stated, "My car was in such a bad state. It was covered in mud but the Scouts did an excellent job of getting it clean again. I would happily pay them to clean it every week!"

The money will be divided between two local charities, whose aim is to improve the lives of children in the local community.

After the success of this recent event, the Scouts are now busy planning their next charity fundraiser.

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a FACT or OPINION.

|                                                                                       | Fact | Opinion |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|
| A fun day was had by all.                                                             |      | ✓       |
| On Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, a local Scout group raised a grand total of £560. | ✓    |         |
| The children, aged between 10 and 14, organised a bake sale.                          | ✓    |         |
| I'm so proud of everyone involved.                                                    |      | ✓       |
| The Scouts worked really hard to make the day a success.                              |      | ✓       |
| The money will be divided between two local charities.                                | ✓    |         |
| The Scouts are now busy planning their next charity fundraiser.                       | ✓    |         |