



# English

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## Challenge: Pharaohs Revenge

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### Task 1

The centre has produced an information sheet on 'The Wonders of Egypt'. The centre manager has asked you to review the text to check that there is a good mix of both fact and opinion.

You need to read the text then identify the facts and opinions.

Highlight the facts in one colour and the opinions in another.

### The Wonders of Egypt



1 → Egypt, the land of mystery and beauty. Whether it's relaxing on the Nile or haggling for goods in the street markets, I believe Egypt has something for everyone. ← 2

3 → Visit the Great Pyramid, the oldest and only remaining 'wonder' from the 'Seven Wonders of the World'. Experts say that it took 100,000 workers over 20 years to build. ← 4

5 → Find out about the history and culture of Egypt by stopping off at one of the many museums. See fantastic displays filled with exciting items from the past. ← 6

7 → Cairo, the capital city of Egypt, is home to more than 15 million people. Drink coffee with the locals or explore the city's many attractions. It is generally thought to be the busiest capital in the world. ← 8

9 → Remember, the weather in Egypt is very hot. In some months the temperature can reach in to the high 30's. You should consider this when booking your holiday.



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People sometimes find it hard to recognise the difference between fact and opinion.

A fact is something that can be confirmed or remains the same no matter where it is written or spoken about.

An opinion is something based on personal views and can change from person to person. Remember, opinions may or may not be true!

Opinions use describing words such as 'beautiful' and 'fantastic'. They also use phrases like, 'I believe' and 'It is generally thought'.

- 1** → This is an opinion, the writer's own personal view. Other writer's may say that other countries are equally mysterious and beautiful.
- 2** → This is an opinion, the writer's own personal view.
- 3** → This is a fact that can be confirmed.
- 4** → This is a fact that can be confirmed or generally accepted as true.
- 5** → This is a fact that can be confirmed.
- 6** → This is an opinion, the writer's own personal view. Some people may not enjoy the museums and may find looking at historical items boring.
- 7** → This is a fact that can be confirmed and whilst the precise number may be an approximation, it is generally accepted as a reliable figure.
- 8** → This is an opinion, the writer's own personal view or experience.
- 9** → This is a fact that can be confirmed.



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### Task 2

The centre is going to run a competition for people attending the open day. First prize is a holiday to Egypt.

You have been asked to complete the crossword to check that all the answers are correct.

Use the clues to complete the crossword. Some letters have been added to help you.

		<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>				<b>11</b>				<b>6</b>						
<b>1</b>	F	I	<b>2</b>	N	D	<b>7</b>	B	A	R	E		<b>4</b>	F		<b>5</b>	G			
	I		U			<b>7</b>	E						E			U			
	N		M			<b>6</b>	H	A	N	D	K	E	R	C	H	I	E	<b>7</b>	F
	E		B			<b>8</b>	R						R			T		L	
	D					<b>8</b>					<b>8</b>	R	E	I	N	A		O	
<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	C	H	E	<b>10</b>	C	K		<b>6</b>				E			R		W	
		H				H			<b>11</b>	G		<b>10</b>		D		<b>5</b>		E	
		E				I									<b>12</b>	F	<b>13</b>	L	
		Q			<b>14</b>	R	E	C	E	I	P	T				<b>3</b>	I		
		U				F		S			<b>5</b>					<b>3</b>	M		
<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	H	E	I	R						<b>16</b>	P	L	U	M	B	E	R	

#### Across

- 1 To locate
- 3 Without clothes
- 6 Something to blow your nose with
- 8 A leather strap to steer a horse
- 9 To review
- 12 A fine, soft powder, used in cake making
- 14 A record of money paid
- 15 Someone who inherits
- 16 Someone who fixes water pipes

#### Down

- 1 To have paid money as a penalty
- 2 Without feeling
- 3 A big, furry animal that lives in the forest
- 4 Moved from one place to another by boat
- 5 A musical instrument with strings
- 7 The blossom of a plant
- 9 A written order for the bank to pay money
- 10 The leader
- 11 A visitor
- 13 An arm or a leg



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Poor spelling creates a bad impression. It is the first thing a reader notices.

Here are some common mistakes:

1. Misspelling words that sound the same but have different meanings:

1 → find and fined

2 → bare and bear

3 → flower and flour

4 → check and cheque

2. Missing out silent letters:

5 → num (numb), lim (limb), plumer (plumber)

6 → gitar (guitar), gest (guest)

7 → hankerchief (handdkerchief)

3. Forgetting that 'i' goes before 'e' except after 'c':

8 → chief

9 → receipt

10 → there are exceptions to this rule, for example: rein and heir

4. Dropping the last 'y'. Generally, when adding to the end of a word that ends with 'y', change the 'y' to an 'i' if the previous letter is a consonant:

11 → ferry becomes ferried



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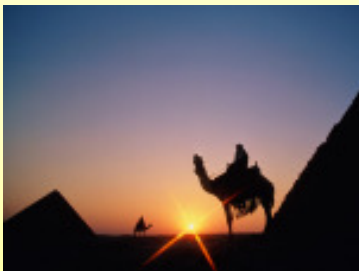
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### Task 3

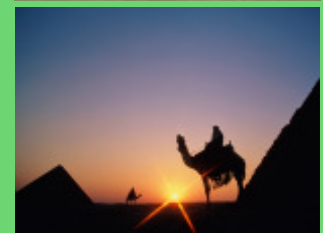
The centre has produced a poster to advertise holidays in Egypt.  
You have been asked to select the most appropriate image.  
Tick the box next to the image you think is correct.



**Welcome to Egypt, home of eastern promise, dramatic landscape, and the spectacular Red Sea. To make sure our customers have access to the best Egypt holiday deals we are offering 25% off all our prices.**

**Whether you are looking for a romantic honeymoon, or a sightseeing tour of a lifetime, we can offer the best specialist advice and discount bookings.**

**Book today to receive a free camel ride and a trip to the pyramids.**





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Using images in writing can make it easier to read and understand. It can also make the content more interesting.

Remember, you don't only have to use photographs. You can also use graphs, charts, tables, and even maps.

Advertisers use images to **persuade** the reader to buy their product rather than someone else's.

In this example, the writer is trying to sell holidays to Egypt. They use key words and phrases like, 'eastern promise', 'dramatic landscapes', and 'romantic'. The third image captures this mood perfectly.



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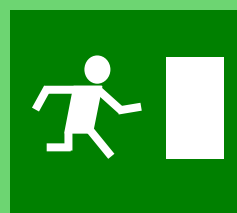
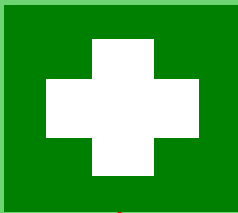
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### Task 4

The centre wants to display some information signs to help visitors who attend the open day.

You have been asked to sort out the ones they might need.

Look at the following signs and draw lines to match them to their correct meanings.



Information

First Aid

Emergency Exit

Parking

No Smoking

### Feedback

Sometimes images are used instead of words. For example, road signs give information quickly and clearly, to drivers who cannot stop to read detailed text. However, if a sign is used in this way, it must be easy to recognise.

Remember, a red line crossing an image or images in red circles usually mean 'NO' or 'DO NOT'.

Here are a few things to think about when using images in writing:

- What do I want to use the image for?
- Do I really need an image to explain the text?
- Will the reader understand the image?
- Where should I place the image?
- Where can I get the image?
- Does the image have copyright?