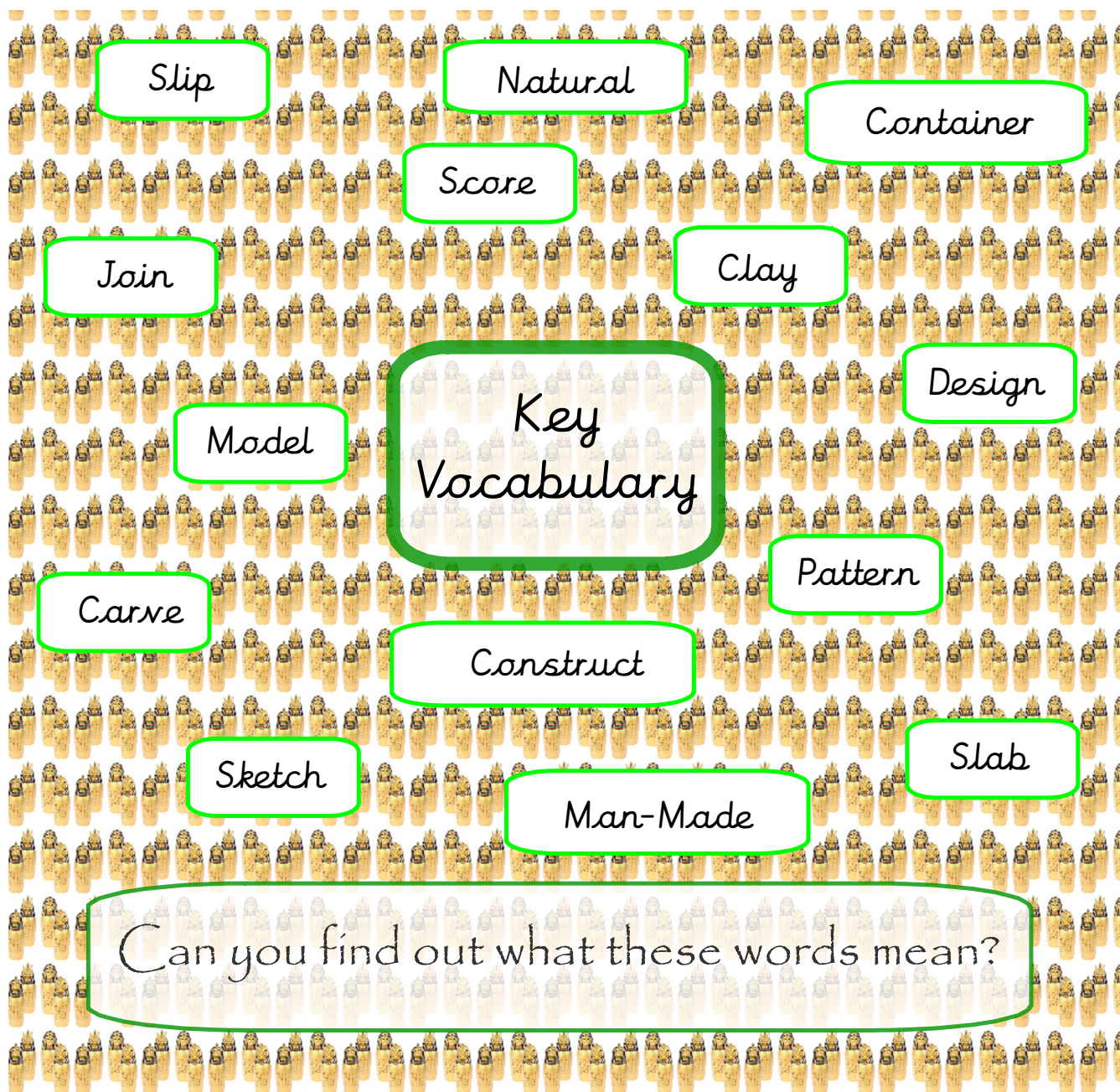


LO: I am learning to  
understand the purpose of  
canopic jars.

This half term in Art, you will be learning all about Canopic Jars; what they are, what they were used for and how they were made.

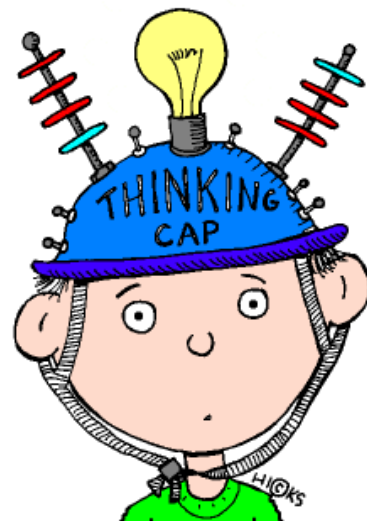
You will then make your own jars using carving techniques and clay.





The need to store things led to the development of containers, first among them bags of fibre or leather, woven baskets and pottery. But clay lends itself to many other purposes: bricks, tableware, statuettes, funerary offerings, jewellery, toys and games etc.

Why do you think they clay was used?





Why do you think they used clay?

<https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1771-what-is-clay>



Clay was easily available to the Egyptians.

<https://www.historyforkids.net/egyptian-pottery.html>

Who else was making pottery during this period?



*What could these be?*

*How would they have been used by the  
Ancient Egyptians?*

*Make close observations. What do you see?*

*Who might they belong to?*

# Reading Session

Mummification was a process used in ancient Egypt. They would store a dead person's organs in canopic jars. This was to make sure that they had them for the afterlife. The heart was left in the person's body for extra weight. It was believed that a person is weighed in the afterlife to decide if that person had lived a good life or not.

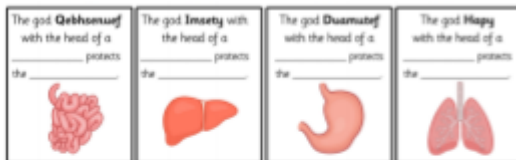
Before placing the organs inside the jars, they were dried in a special salt to preserve them.

It was believed that a person's body would be pieced back together when in the afterlife, just like the god Osiris. Osiris himself was put back together by the goddess Isis before he became the god of the afterlife.

Canopic jars are four clay pots. Each pot was decorated and had a different head of the sons of the god Horus on top. Each god protected a different organ. Hapi protected the lungs, Qebhsenuf protected the intestines, Duamtef protected the stomach and Imstey protected the liver.

1) Match the Canopic jars to the correct description. Use the following words to help you:

Stomach	Falcon
Liver	Baboon
Intestines	God (human)
Lungs	Jackal



2) Complete the paragraph by adding the missing words.

Canopic \_\_\_\_\_ were used to protect 4 organs, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. These jars had the heads of the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ on top of them. To preserve the organs, they used a special \_\_\_\_\_. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that in the afterlife a person would be to \_\_\_\_\_ decide if they had lived a good life or not.



Reading Answers

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The god Qebhsenuf with the head of a Falcon protects the Intestines



The god Imsety with the head of a God protects the Liver



The god Duamutef with the head of a Jackal protects the Stomach



The god Hapy with the head of a Baboon protects the Lungs



## Reading Answers

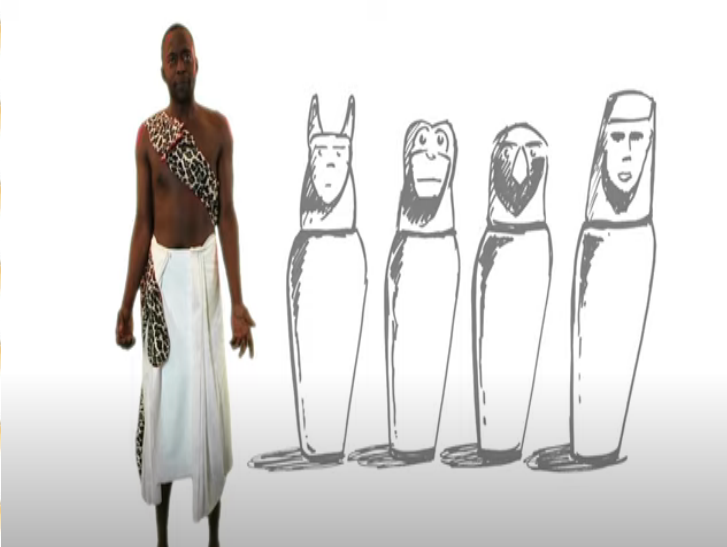
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What have  
you  
learned?

<https://youtu.be/WKtbgpDnWf>



## Canopic Jars! Summary

***A method of artificial preservation, called mummification was developed by the ancient Egyptians. During the process of mummification, all of the major organs were removed and placed in canopic jars.***



Each canopic jar guarded a different organ.

1. Imsety had a human head, protected the liver.
2. Qebehsenuf had the head of a falcon and guarded the intestines.
3. Hapy had a baboon head protected the lungs.
4. Duamatef had the head of a jackal, and guarded the stomach.

