



What's our target?

fluency

Reading Out Loud



Let's look at the final page of the book together.

A HIPPOPOTAMUS

What does the "Little Hippo" represent?

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Antef leaves for an unknown kingdom. Where does he go?

The white-haired old man leaves for a long journey on the day of his death, a journey to be with the gods. Ancient Egyptians believed that as the sun is reborn every morning after the night, life is reborn out of the realm of death. In an Egyptian tomb, vases, statues, and offerings just like Little Hippo are placed next to the sarcophagus (or coffin) to accompany the deceased after his rebirth.

Where were the blue hippos found?

They were found in tombs from Egypt's Middle Kingdom (circa 2000 B.C.). Decorated with aquatic plants, these earthenware hippopotamuses recall the Noun, the ocean where everything was born. They announced that the dead were coming back to life. Mummies also had special jewelry that symbo-

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Who uncovered all these treasures from Ancient Egypt?

Archeologists! Thanks to their fabulous work, we have come to know this rich and mysterious civilization. As they discovered tombs from the Valley of the Kings and the pyramids, and as they deciphered ancient Egyptian writings (or hieroglyphs), these scientists revealed thousands of years of ancient history. Today they continue their digging in Egypt and elsewhere to uncover other treasures that still sleep below the earth.

From pyramid to pyramid ...

Most Egyptian pyramids were tombs for pharaohs (kings) and their loved ones. Pharaoh Cheops' pyramid, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, is more than 4500 years old! The glass pyramid from Little Hippo's journey is much younger. It was designed by architect Ieoh Ming Pei, and it has been used since 1989 as the entrance hall to Paris' Louvre museum. If you visit the Louvre, you can see several blue hippos from Little Hippo's family.

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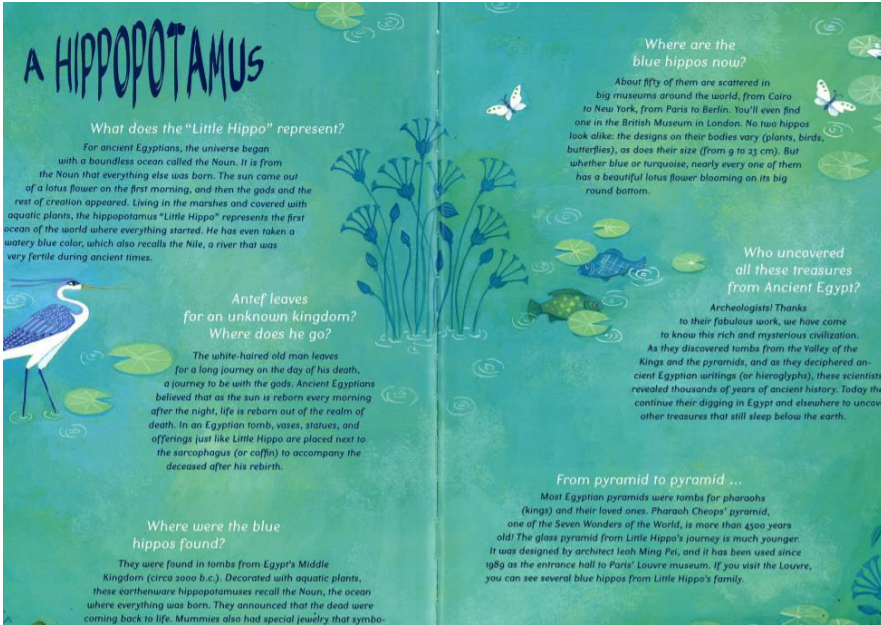
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Over the next three lessons, you will use echo reading to read each paragraph. You will answer retrieval questions as we read.

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There are lots of tricky words in this paragraph...

Lotus Flower



Aquatic

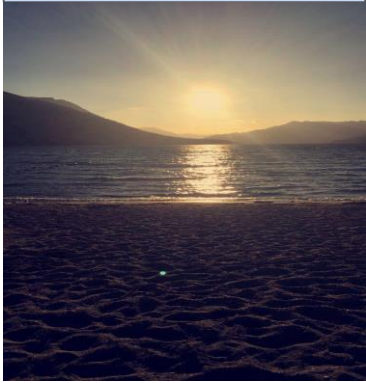


Fertile

The River Nile



Boundless



The Noun





When you feel
confident, perform the
extract.

What does
retrieval
mean?



With me...



According to the text, the Egyptians believed the universe began with...|

1 mark

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Complete the first 3 questions on the task sheet:

1.

The Egyptians believe that the sun came from a |...

1 mark

2.

What does 'the hippopotamus' represent?

1 mark

3.

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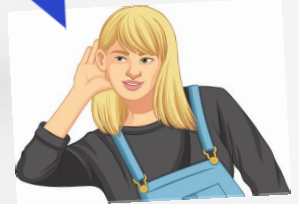
Listen to me read this extract from the text.
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Your turn...

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Any new words?

Lotus Flower



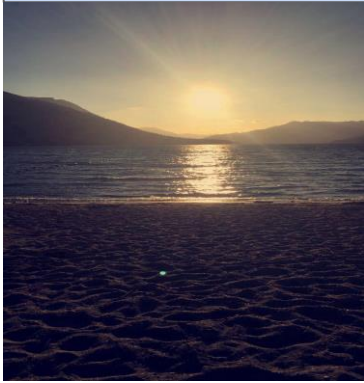
Cairo



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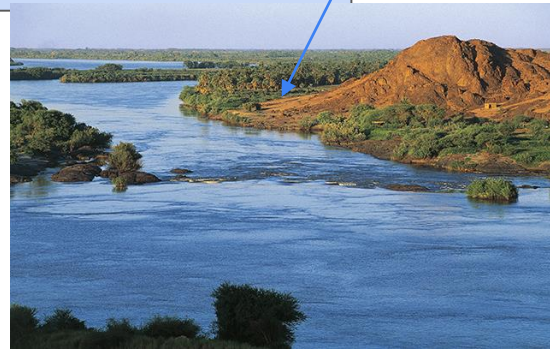
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The Noun



The River Nile



Fertile



When you feel
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extract.

Now complete the last questions on the task sheet:

Remember,
you are
retrieving
information
from the text.

4.

1 mark

Where can the blue hippos be found now?

1 mark

5.

What size are the hippos?

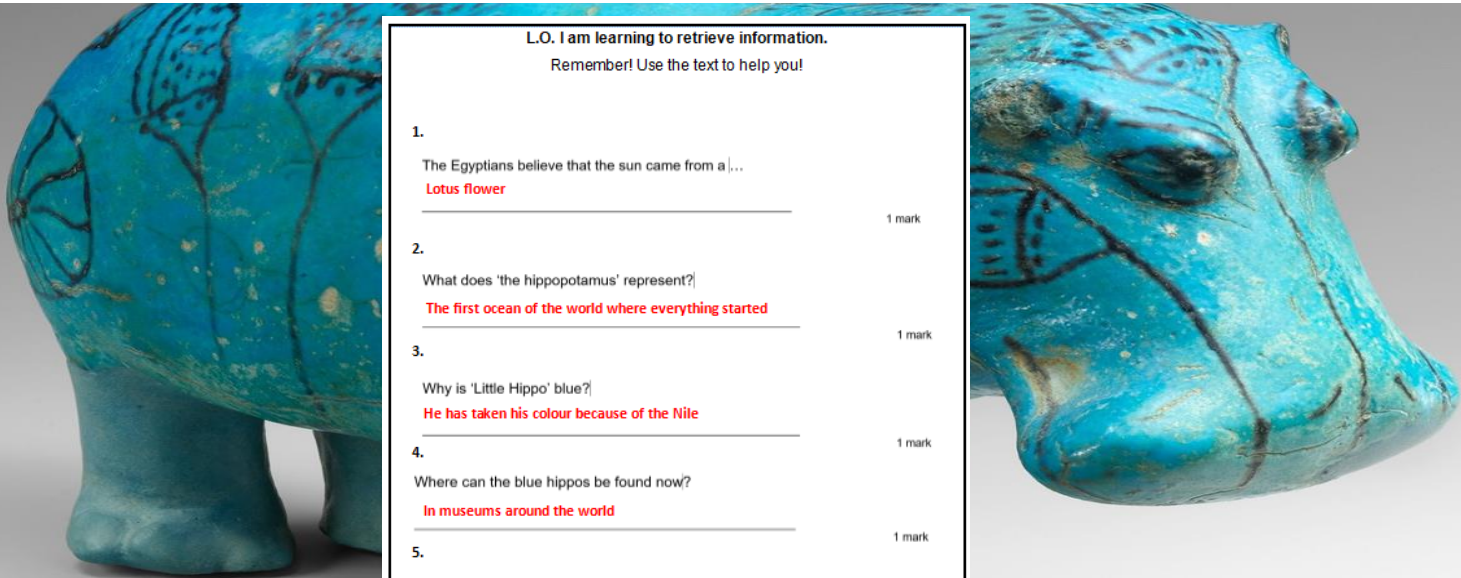
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6.

What is painted on the hippos' bottoms?

1 mark

Now mark your work:



L.O. I am learning to retrieve information.

Remember! Use the text to help you!

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Lotus flower

1 mark

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He has taken his colour because of the Nile

1 mark

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In museums around the world

1 mark

5.

What size are the hippos?

From 9–23 cm

1 mark

6.

What is painted on the hippos' bottoms?

A blooming Lotus flower

1 mark