



- 1 The Egyptians, although great architects, did not build tower blocks or temples with domed roofs. Their greatest buildings were the pyramids - great burial chambers made of huge blocks of stone (A).
- 2 Ancient Egypt was ruled by a king, or pharaoh. He wore an elaborate headdress (B) rather than a crown, often decorated with symbols depicting the Egyptian gods.
- 3 The Egyptians did not use an alphabet of letters like ours. Instead, they used a form of picture writing known as hieroglyphics (C). One picture might represent one or two letters, or even a whole word.
- 4 The ancient Egyptians did not have books. They recorded information on papyrus scrolls (D) made from the pulped stems of the papyrus rush.
- 5 Farmers could not water their crops using a hose. Instead, they built a system of canals to help irrigate the dry land and used a shaduf (E) to raise the waters of the Nile from one level to another.
- 6 It would be unlikely to find an oak tree growing on the banks of the Nile. In Egypt's hot, dry climate, trees such as the date palm (F) would have been common. The Egyptians also grew figs and used trained baboons to pick them!
- 7 There were no tractors in ancient Egypt. The farmers used simple wooden ploughs pulled by oxen (G) to prepare the land for sowing. The seeds were scattered by hand and eventually harvested using flint-bladed sickles.
- 8 The fish that lived in the rich waters of the Nile were a valuable source of food. They would have been caught using a net or simple line and hook (H) rather than a fishing rod.
- 9 Crops were measured using ropes (I) rather than tape measures. This determined how much tax a farmer had to pay to the pharaoh.
- 10 The ancient Egyptians would not have had thermos flasks. They made pottery containers (J) to carry water, wine, and beer.