

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 29: Osiris and the Nile

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a. Many people wear a **shell** before going out into the rain.

b. In the past three years, the city has had two **floods**.

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a. **Nowadays**, many students like using the Internet to do research.

b. Many groups have **annual** meetings every month.

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a. Some dogs have interesting **feathers**.

b. You cannot ride a bicycle if it doesn't have **wheels**.



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- a. Churches don't let people read **religious** books.
- b. Birds use their **feathers** to help them fly.

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- a. Many people enjoy watching **romantic** movies.
- b. If you get good grades, you don't **deserve** to graduate.

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- a. A crab is an example of an animal that has a **shell**.
- b. People never go fishing near the **shore**.

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- a. People who do bad things **deserve** to be punished.
- b. Mountains and hills are examples of **floods**.

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- a. Horses are more common than cars **nowadays**.
- b. People who are **religious** go to church.

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- a. If you are **romantic**, you probably don't like movies about love.
- b. There are beaches along the **shore** of some oceans and lakes.

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- a. You should see your doctor once a year for an **annual** checkup.
- b. The wind makes the **wheels** of a car turn.

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Osiris made his **annual** trip around Egypt and led **religious** events. The villages gave him beautiful **shells** and colorful **feathers** as gifts.

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What is this story about?

- A) Why Osiris built a pyramid for Isis
- B) How Set created a grave for Osiris
- C) How Osiris died and returned to make Egypt fertile
- D) Why the gods thought Isis' actions were romantic



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What happened each spring?

- A) Osiris gave people feathers and shells.
- B) Set obtained furniture from people.
- C) Set hid a box behind a curtain.
- D) Osiris made an annual trip to villages.

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In the last paragraph, we can infer that _____.

- A) the shore is the ideal home for Osiris
- B) Set had greater intelligence than the gods
- C) the gods felt that Isis did a good deed
- D) nowadays, the Egyptians don't use Osiris' abstract ideas



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According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.

- A)** the Egyptians made wheels
- B)** the Egyptians used clay pots
- C)** the Egyptians made cloth
- D)** the Egyptians built religious villages



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Answer Key:

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| 1: D | 11: A |
| 2: E | 12: A |
| 3: C | 13: B |
| 4: A | 14: B |
| 5: B | 15: A |
| 6: B | 16: C |
| 7: A | 17: D |
| 8: B | 18: C |
| 9: B | 19: D |
| 10: A | |

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