

River God

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A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture on the front cover. Make some guesses. Where is the story set? When? What is the story going to be about?
- 2 Read about the story on the back cover of the book. What do you learn about Taita, Lostris and Tanus?

B While Reading

- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 5. Without looking back at the book, put these pictures in the right order and write a caption for each one.











4 Read to the end of Chapter 10. Put these events in the right order. Write letters a to j in the squares.

- Tanus and his men destroy the Shrikes. Taita finds Tanus.
- Lostris's son is born. Taita makes Lostris well again.
- Tanus's soldiers dress as women. Tanus names the man who is Akh-Seth.
- Pharoah Mamose dies. The Egyptians fight the Hyksos.
- Lostris and Tanus meet again. Intef believes that Tanus has been killed.

5 Read to the end of Chapter 13. The last chapter is called We Return to Egypt. Make some guesses. What happens when Queen Lostris and her people return to Egypt? How does the story end?

C After Reading

6 The story starts
On 5th January 1988, Dr Duraid Al Simma – an expert on Egyptian history – found an Ancient Egyptian tomb on the west bank of the River Nile. In the tomb there were ten large jars which were filled with papyrus scrolls...

These scrolls tell the story you have read. Imagine that you are Dr Duraid Al Simma. Tell the story of how these scrolls were found in the tomb of Queen Lostris. Describe how the tomb was opened. Describe the inside of the tomb and the jars and the scrolls. Describe how you felt.

7 The Ancient Egyptians used pictures as letters – these are called hieroglyphics. Study the alphabet below. Notice that some of the English letters like E and O are missing from this alphabet. The Ancient Egyptians didn't use these letters. Write two sentences using hieroglyphics. Choose two sentences from your answers to Question 4.



Here is an example:-




Taita



finds



Tanus

You can write all kinds of words or phrases in hieroglyphics. If you need a letter which is not in the Egyptian alphabet you can write a letter with a similar sound. For example  k for c or ck.