

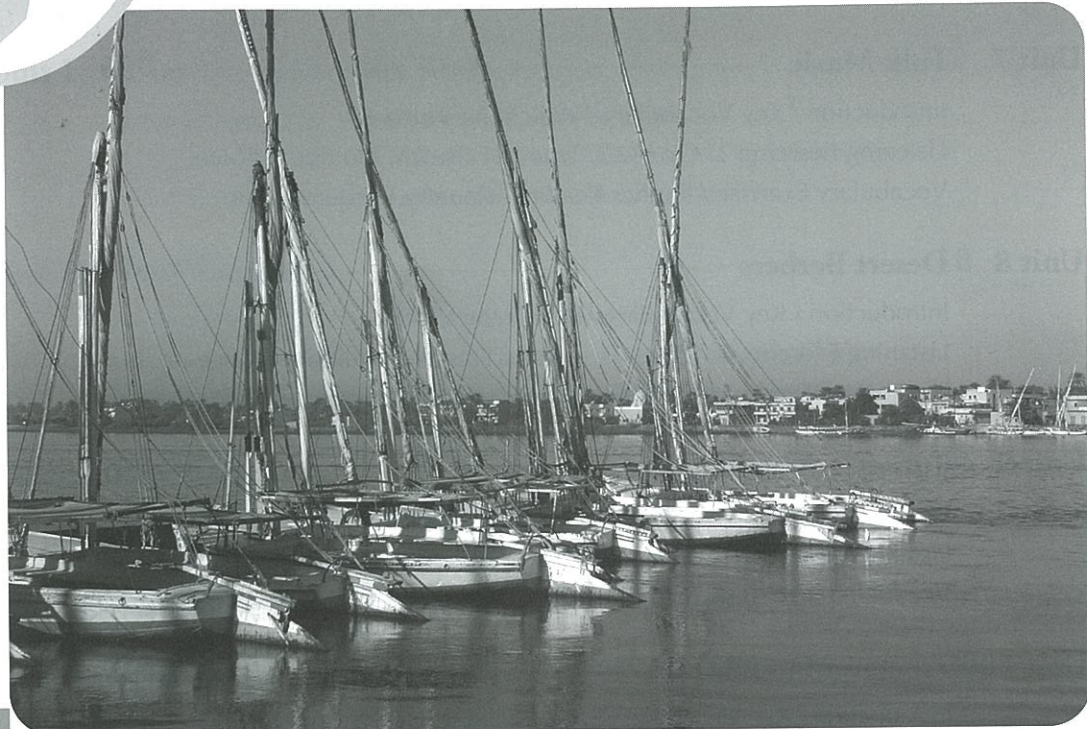
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Wonders of the Nile River



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Introduction

実際に学習するビデオの予備知識として、次の文を読みましょう。

For thousands of years people have been living along the Nile River. Egypt is a hot and dry country, so this river is important. People need the river for transportation and food. Ancient Egypt developed a great civilization thanks to the Nile River. Even today, people in Egypt still depend on the Nile. It is a source of food and water for most Egyptians.



The water from the river is important for agriculture in the area. Without it, the crops would die. There is another kind of life that lives in the river — crocodiles. Though they may be dangerous, they are another source of food. These animals also have a special meaning for Egyptian people. Men who can catch a crocodile are thought to be strong, brave and lucky.



Along the Nile River, the Aswan Dam was constructed. It is one of the world's largest and most important dams. When the dam was created, Lake Nassar was formed. Lake Nassar is the world's largest artificial lake. Like the Nile River, the lake provides water and food for thousands of people. Aswan is said to be where Arabia ends and Africa begins. It is home to many crocodiles too!



Key Vocabulary

太字はビデオに出てくる重要な語句です。意味を考え、例文ごと覚えましょう。

1. It is hard to imagine how important Greece, Rome and Egypt were during **ancient** times.
2. Violent terrorism is the enemy of **civilization**.
3. During recent economic times, it is difficult for businesses to **flourish**.
4. During the rainy season when the rivers **flood**, there is usually a lot of damage in this area.
5. Our boat followed the **flow** of the river to the sea, but it ran very slowly.
6. Those flowers look like they are man-made or **artificial**.
7. Steam is a natural **by product** of boiling water.
8. This is a beach town so every summer there is a large **influx** of tourists.
9. According to grandmother's **lore**, that old house is haunted.
10. I can't eat all of this orange. Would you like a **segment** or two?





Listening Exercise 1 — Cloze

次の文は、ビデオの内容の要約です。音声を聞いて空欄を埋めましょう。

For many years people along the Nile River have ¹ _____ on it for their survival. In fact, some say that ancient Egypt's civilization was ² _____ because of this great river. Even today, people in Egypt still depend on the Nile River. It is a ³ _____ of water, food, power and transportation. The water from the river is also ⁴ _____ for agriculture in the area. Without it, the crops would die and ⁵ _____ would have few other sources of food. Another kind of life that lives in and ⁶ _____ the Nile are crocodiles which have a special ⁷ _____ in Egyptian culture.



Watch the Video

ではここで、ビデオを見てみましょう。

【 Japanese Notes 】

harnessing (動力源に) 利用する

irrigation 灌漑

fertilize 肥沃にする

pumping station ポンプ場

arteries 動脈

Nubian ヌビア人の

dates (fruit) ナツメヤシ



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Listening Exercise 2 — True or False

ビデオの内容を思い出しながら、次の文が合っていたらT、間違っていたらFに丸をつけましょう。

- 【 T / F 】 1. The Nile River ends near Giza and the Great Pyramids.
- 【 T / F 】 2. Farmers around the Nile still depend on the river to water their fields.
- 【 T / F 】 3. The Aswan Dam is said to be the heart of Egypt.
- 【 T / F 】 4. Lake Nasser was formed by the Aswan Dam.
- 【 T / F 】 5. Lake Nasser is the largest artificial lake in the world.
- 【 T / F 】 6. Egyptians hate crocodiles but they eat them.
- 【 T / F 】 7. The Nile River has importance for both the culture and daily lives of Egyptians.

Listening Exercise 3 — Multiple Choice

ビデオの内容を思い出しながら次の問題に答えましょう。

1. How long has the Nile River been important to the people of Egypt?
 - a. for thousands of years
 - b. for one thousand years
 - c. for 300 years
2. For how long did Egypt's great civilization last?
 - a. for thousands of years
 - b. for one thousand years
 - c. for 3000 years
3. Today the Nile River provides Egypt with how much of its water need?
 - a. 90%
 - b. 95%
 - c. 99%
4. What percent of Egyptian people live near the Nile River, according to the Minister of Irrigation?
 - a. 90%
 - b. 95%
 - c. 99%

5. How long is the Nile River?

- a. 1000 miles long
- b. 1000 kilometers long
- c. 1900 kilometers long

6. Where does the desert begin?

- a. at the end of the Nile River
- b. near Giza
- c. near the Aswan Dam

7. Egyptians think that if you catch a crocodile....

- a. you are foolish
- b. you will be dead
- c. you are a hero

Vocabulary Exercise

問題文の下線部に入る適当な語句を下から選びましょう。

1. His business started to ____ when they built an important road near his shop.
2. We lost our house during the ____ since it was next to the river.
3. It is difficult for modern man to imagine how life was during ____ times.
4. Natural products always taste better than ____ ones.
5. We only watched a short ____ of the movie as I kept falling asleep.
6. Environmental damage is threatening all of ____.
7. We were so poor that we could not pay the water bill so they cut off our ____ of water.

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| a. ancient | b. civilization | c. flourish |
| d. flood | e. flow | f. artificial |
| g. by products | h. influx | i. lore |
| j. segment | | |



Further Reading

次の文はビデオの内容に関連したものです。読んでみましょう。

Cruising the Nile

Cruising the Nile River by boat is one of the world's great adventures. You can choose to go down this famous river on a traditional felucca. There are also more luxurious ships, too. There is plenty of sightseeing along the way. But what is a felucca? It is a traditional boat with broad canvas sails. This kind of boat depends on wind-power. The peaceful routine of life on a boat and the sights on the Nile allow us to escape the stress of everyday life. Traveling down the Nile by felucca is a must when visiting Egypt! Learn more at: www.nilefelucca.com

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