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afterlife
A world the ancient Egyptians believed they would travel to, once they had died.

amulet
A type of charm believed to have magical powers.

apprentice
A young boy who would typically be trained by his father in the family trade or craft.

Book of the Dead
A collection of magic spells that were thought to help a person in the afterlife.

canopic jar
A jar where internal organs were placed after they were removed from the body during the mummification process. The lids represented four gods.

cartouche
An oval carving or drawing containing the name of a king or queen, written in hieroglyphics.

curse
A statement, sometimes a warning, supposed to inflict harm or misfortune on something or someone.

deity
A god or goddess.

Egyptologist
A person who studies ancient Egyptian artefacts and remains.

embalmer
A person who treated dead bodies in preparation for the afterlife.

eternal life
Life after death.

Giza
A place in Egypt where large pyramids and the sphinx were built.

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hieroglyphics
A method of writing used by the ancient Egyptians using a mixture of 700 symbols and pictures.

linen
A woven fabric made from plant fibres to wrap around a dead body during mummification.

mummy
A dead body that was specially treated and embalmed to preserve it for the afterlife.

mummification
The process of preserving a dead body.

natron
A natural salt used in the mummification process to dry out dead bodies and internal organs.

nemes
A headdress worn by pharaohs.

ointment
An oil applied to the skin during the embalming process.

pharaoh
A king or queen of ancient Egypt.

preserve
A process used to prevent something from decaying (rotting).

pyramid
A huge tomb built for the wealthy pharaohs of Egypt.

ritual
Something that is traditionally done in the same order each time and following the same sequence.

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River Nile
A major river running through Egypt.

Rosetta Stone
A stone with Greek and Egyptian writing on, which helped historians to unlock and understand the code of hieroglyphics.

sarcophagus
A highly-decorated, large stone coffin.

scribe
A skilled person specially trained to read and write.

sphinx
A mythological creature with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh or god. The ancient Egyptians built sphinx statues to guard tombs.

tomb
The place where rich ancient Egyptians were buried.

Tutankhamun
A famous Egyptian pharaoh whose tomb was discovered in 1922.

underworld
A dangerous place where souls would have to travel through to reach the afterlife and ensure eternal life.

Valley of the Kings
A valley in Egypt where many tombs were built.

wedjat
A symbol of protection for the soul in the afterlife.



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