# **National Geographic Kids Readers: Ancient Egypt**

# **Notes for parents: reading this book with your child**

* Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and talk about the features of the Egyptian mask. Ask your child what they know about Ancient Egypt, and how the Ancient Egyptians lived.
* Look at the contents list together. Talk about what an Egyptologist might be.
* Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  + Look at the glossary together and read the words and explanations: *archaeologist, canopic jars, chariot, civilization, Egyptologist, excavate, mummy, preserved, satellite images, sphinx.* Collect any other ‘Egypt’ words that your child knows.
  + Help your child to read challenging words: *Tutankhamun, Ramses II, Hatshepsut, Khufu, Khafre, Osiris, Anubis, Ammut, Horus, Thoth, Bes, Peseshet, Karnak, Nefertiti.*
  + Encourage your child to explain some of the interesting ideas, e.g. how the calendar was first made.
  + Look closely at the images of pharaohs and relics. Talk about what you can see.
  + Ask your child simple questions as you read together to strengthen their understanding. Encourage them to raise questions for you.
* Discuss the process of mummification. Challenge your child to recall the different stages.

**Pronunciation guide:** Tutankhamun (Toot-an-car-moon), Ramses II (Ram-sees), Hatshepsut (Hat-shep-sut), Khufu (Koo-foo), Khafre (Kar-fraye), Osiris (Oh-sigh-ris), Anubis (A-new-bis), Peseshet (Pes-ee-shet), Nefertiti (Nef-er-tee-tee)