

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TRANSPORT

Evidence from objects dug up by archaeologists show us how goods were transported in ancient Egypt.

Reed Boats

A model in Tutankhamun's tomb showed him using a small boat made from reeds to hunt in the marshes close to the River Nile. Many wall paintings showed larger reed boats with sails being used to carry goods up and down the River Nile.



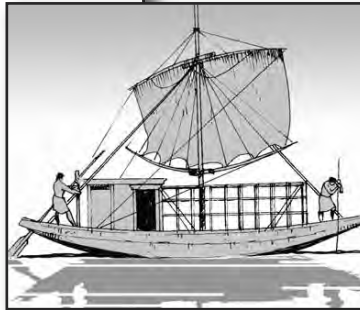
Litters

A stone carving shows a Pharaoh being carried in a chair on two poles on the shoulders of four slaves. These 'litters' would only be used for short journeys in the city.



Wooden Boats

A wooden model from a tomb in the Valley of the Kings shows us that wooden boats with sails, oars and large rudders were used for the heaviest of loads on the River Nile.



Carrying Large Loads

Stone carvings in the Temple at Thebes show slaves carrying large loads on their backs fastened to a pole. Heavier loads were carried on two poles between two men.



Chariots

On the staff of a fan from Tutankhamun's tomb are engravings of the king hunting wild animals. The Egyptians had copied the idea of the wheel from the Sumerian people. The staff shows us that the Egyptians had trained horses to pull wheeled chariots.



Donkeys

Papyrus rolls (an early form of paper) tell us about food crops being brought to the Pharaoh's stores in reed baskets carried on donkeys.



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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Evidence dug up by

1 **miners** **workmen** **archaeologists** **moles**

show us how ancient Egyptians transported goods. A

2 **toy** **painting** **hieroglyphic** **model**

showed Tutankhamun using a reed boat. A

3 **stone** **wooden** **papyrus** **cardboard**

model boat was found in the Valley of the Kings.

4 **An engraving** **A boat** **A model** **A painting**

from Tutankhamun's tomb showed him using a wheeled chariot. A stone carving shows a Pharaoh being

5 **carried** **wheeled** **pulled** **pushed**

in a chair. Hieroglyphic writing on

6 **paper** **card** **papyrus rolls** **kitchen roll**

show donkeys carrying food in baskets.

Section B

1 What were large reed boats with sails used for?

2 Which type of boat carried the heaviest loads on the River Nile?

3 Where did the Egyptians get the idea of the wheel?

4 How did a Pharaoh travel in a city?

5 How do you think slaves felt about carrying heavy loads with a pole?

6 What is 'papyrus'?

7 What do you think a 'hieroglyphic' is?

Section C

Write an imaginary report about a Pharaoh going hunting with his chariot when a wheel falls off!