

## 英検3級 長文読解④ Great Pyramid of Giza①

Have you ever watched / a photo of the Great Pyramid of Giza?// It is one of the seven wonders of the world.// Actually, / many pyramids were built / in ancient Egypt.// However, / the three pyramids at Giza are the most prominent.// The world has been curious / about their mysteries / since their discoveries.//

Originally, / the concept of a pyramid was / to store the tombs/ of the ruler of the country, / called “Pharaoh” / in ancient Egypt.// The Great Pyramid of Giza is unique / for a variety of reasons.// Until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, / these were the tallest structures in the world.// These were built / over a thousand years ago.// People are still trying to find out / how these pyramids were constructed.// The basic building blocks of the pyramids are made of limestone / weighing two tons each.// How did the people of that time lift such heavy blocks / at such a height?// Some argue / that the Egyptians at that time maybe used pulley and ramp systems.//

### Vocabulary and Phrases

photo	- 写真
pyramid	- ピラミッド
built	- 建てた
prominent	- 目立つ
actually	- 実際に
originally	- 本来は
concept	- 概念

ancient	- 古代の
unique	- 独特の
reasons	- 理由
structure	- 構造
find out	- 明らかにする
constructed	- 建設された
system	- システム

見たことがありますか / ギザの大ピラミッドの写真を//  
 それは世界の七不思議のうちの一つです// 実際 / 多くのピラミッドが建  
 てされました / 古代エジプトには// しかし / ギザの三大ピラミッドは  
 最も目立っています// 世界中の人々が魅了され続けています / それ  
 からの謎に / この発見以来//

もともと / ピラミッドのコンセプトは / 墓を保存することでし  
 た / 国の支配者の / 「ファラオ」とよばれる / 古代エジプトで// ギザの  
 大ピラミッドは独特です / さまざまな理由で// 19世紀の終わりまで /  
 これらのピラミッドは世界で最も高い構造物でした//  
 それは建てされました / 1000年以上前に// 人々は今日もまだ解明し  
 ようとしています / どのようにして建設されたのかを// ピラミッドの  
 基本的な建築のブロックは、石灰岩でできています / 2トンの重さがあ  
 る// どのように当時の人々はそれほど重いブロックを持ち上げたのか/  
 その高さまで// 主張する人がいます / 当時のエジプト人が滑車や斜面  
 を使ったシステムを利用したのではないかと//

### Tips One mysterious story of Pyramids

The pyramids were built about 4,500 years ago. The Great Pyramid of Giza was completed around 2580 BC. Strangely, it is said that modern construction technology cannot build a pyramid like this.

## LISTENING FILL IN THE BLANKS

先生の音読を聞いて、正しい単語をうめましょう。

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単語を並び替えて英語にしましょう。(一語不要) ➡ 書けたら声に出しましょう。

ただし、先頭の大文字から始める単語も小文字になっています。

1. あなたはもう自分の仕事は終わっていますか？

(finished / have / you / your task / already / yet) ?

2. 東京に何回行ったことがありますか？

(how / to / have / you / times / often / many / been / Tokyo?) ?

3. 私のお母さんは1980年に生まれた。

( mother / born / in / my / is / was / 1980 ) .

4. ショッピングモールは人々で混みあっていました。

( was / crowded / the mall / with / crowd / people) .

5. 私の母は昨晩、私にメールを送りました。

( my mother / an e-mail / last night / sent / me / for / to ) .

6. あなたは2年間その自転車を使っているのですか？

( you / used / for / have / the bike / ago / two years) ?

