

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
LO. To explore alliteration and  
similes.

Can you remember what these words mean?

Match the images to the words...



Sphinx  
Pyramid  
Mummies  
Mask of Tutankhamun  
Scarab Beetle  
Hieroglyphics



Who would like to read a *rhyming couplet*?

## **Pyramid**

Oh great pyramid that seems to be reaching straight up into the sky.

The ancient Egyptians long ago constructed and built you upon high.

The mysteries of those who composed you still astounds me.

A pyramid is a wonderful object of the past, many of us do agree.

What adjectives have been used to describe the pyramid?

'great'

'wonderful'

What does the choice of adjectives make you think about pyramids?

Echo read...

## Hieroglyphics

This is Egyptian writing,

It's called a hieroglyphic.

We write with pretty pictures,

Isn't that terrific?

Can you see any alliteration?

*'We write with pretty pictures'*

Why has the poet used alliteration instead of just any adjective?

E.g. We write with beautiful pictures

What effect does it have on the reader?

Listen as I read...

## Queen Nefertiti

Over the pavements  
Her feet go clack,  
Her legs are as tall  
As a chimney stack.

Her fingers flicker  
Like snakes in the air,  
The walls split open  
At her green-eyed stare.

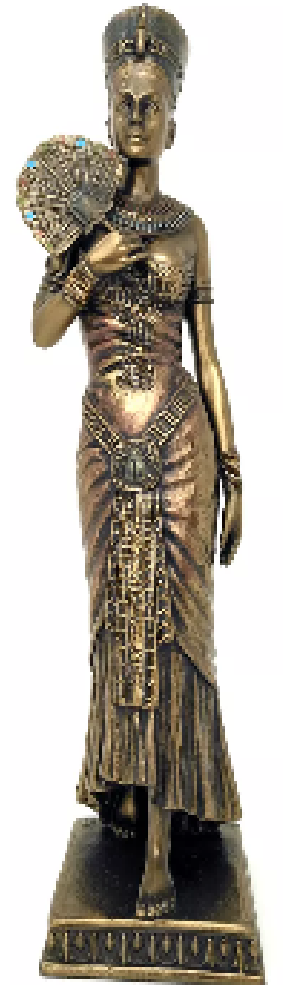
Can you spot any similes?

*'Her legs are as tall  
As a chimney stack.'*

Why do you think the poet used this simile rather than just saying she was tall?

*'Her fingers flicker  
Like snakes in the air.'*

What impression does the poet give us about Queen Neferiti by comparing her fingers to snakes?





Use the helpers to think of some phrases e.g.

 Scarab beetle	A small scarab beetle scurrying across the sand.
 Hieroglyphics	
 Mummy	The mysterious mummy as silent as the night.
 Sphinx	
 Mask of Tutankhamun	One magnificent mask shimmering in the light.
 Pyramid	Pointy pyramids as tall as a tower.

**adjectives or alliteration**

Sainty	Halcyon	Spooky	Shiny
Sandy	Amazing	Scary	Gleamy
	Wonderful	Evil	Gleaming
	Magnificent	Black	Perfect
	Marvellous	Jet black	Flawless
Colourful	Scary	Pitch black	
		Inky	
Inky	Tall	Creepy	Tiny
	Enormous	Strange	Small
	Towering	Mysterious	Miniature
		Golden	Beautiful
			Magnificent

**Similes**

... as big as ...	... gold like ...	... dazzled brightly like ...
... as bright as ...	... towered over the land like ...	... as tall as ...
... glistening like ...	... as tiny as ...	... black like ...
... as shiny as ...	... silent like ...	... as still as ...
... quick like ...	... as fast as ...	... shone like a ...

- The spooky sphinx
- The sphinx was as big as an elephant
- Mysterious, golden pyramids as big as a stack of elephants.
- Golden pyramids towered over the land like a carnival parade.
- In a strange creepy tomb laid a mummy.
- The mummy was as still as a lion.
- Tutankhamun's crown was dark blue and golden yellow.
- The mask of Tutankhamun was glistening like golden money.

Hieroglyphics