

## Families of the World: Egypt

1) In Luxor, 6-year-old **Hesham** lives with his parents, sister and 1 week-old brother. His father supervises workers who maintain and restore one of the largest tombs in the Valley of the Kings. They are staying with their grandparents while his mother recovers from giving birth. 2) 7-year-old **Yasmine** lives near Cairo in a development surrounding a golf/tennis club, where her mother manages the tennis program. Yasmine goes to a school where classes are taught in English, and she takes French and Arabic.



### Vocabulary

1. imam (n): Muslim priest
2. mosque (n)
3. pray (v)
4. dry out (v)
5. Sahara desert (n)
6. bargain (n)
7. loaf (n)
8. mud bricks (n)
9. irrigation (n)
10. tomb (n)
11. monument (n)
12. temple (n)
13. archaeologist (n)
14. Muslim (n)
15. Islam (n)
16. Prophet Mohammed
17. Koran (n)
18. falafel (n)
19. share (v)
20. impolite (adj)
21. crossword puzzle (n)
22. engineer
23. fighter pilot (n)
24. holy day (n)

**Part 1: While Watching****1) Hesham:**

1. What does the imam ask the village people to do in the morning?
2. How many babies has Grandma had?
3. What does Grandma put in the babies eyes?
4. T or F? People like to bargain at the market.
5. How long does it take for the oven for “sun bread” to get hot?
6. How long will the bread last for one family?
7. The ovens are made of mud bricks. What else do they make with mud bricks?
8. T or F? It rains frequently where they live.
9. Where can they grow things?
10. T or F? Farmers used irrigation before the pyramids were built.
11. What do tourists from all over the world want to see?
12. Who does his dad work for?
13. Why is the Nile River important? (There are 3 or 4 things.)
14. What does his father buy for supper?
15. What are people who follow the Islamic religion called?
16. What is Islam based on?
17. T or F? Most people in Egypt are Muslims.
18. Why did they make a circle around the baby at his “aqiqa” (first week of life celebration)?



**2) Yasmine:**

1. T or F? Cairo is one of the biggest cities in the world.
2. T or F? Cairo is a mixture of old and new.
3. Does Yasmine go to a private or public school?
4. T or F? All the classes are taught in English.
5. T or F? Kids are required to go to school from ages 6 to 12.
6. How do they practice English spelling?
  
7. What other language does she like to learn?
  
8. Why do they share food with each other at break time?
  
9. What is her Dad's job?
  
10. What sport is an important part of their family life?
  
11. Why does her mother pay for a teacher for the boys who take care of the clay tennis court?
  
12. Where is the woman who helps with the housework from?
  
13. What is the official language of Egypt?
  
14. What day of the week is their holy day?
  
15. What is a good Muslim supposed to do? (There are several things.)
  
16. What was grandpa's job before he retired?

**Part 2: After Watching (HW: Write your answers.)**

1. What was different, interesting, or surprising for you? Why? For example, what did you think of the "aqiqa", the first week of life celebration? **(Write down at least 2 or 3 things.)**



2. What are some things that make Yasmine's family seem very Western or modern?
  
3. Muslims:
  - a. What do you think about what Yasmine said a good Muslim should do? (See Question 2.15). Does this sound like a good way for people to behave?
  
  - b. What is the image of Muslims we usually get on the news and other media?
  
  - c. What did you see or hear in the video that is very different from the media image of Muslims?
  
4. Would you like to visit Egypt someday? Why or why not? (**Write down 2 or 3 reasons.**)