

# Daily Reading: Ancient Egypt 4

The **video** focuses on answering questions about a character. Children watch the video linked to a text about the character of Osiris. This text is based on the eBook read in the previous videos, 'The Story of Osiris'. They may choose to answer the questions on their activity sheet, they could think about the answers, or you may prefer to talk about them together. If they want to write down their answers, they can pause the video to give them time to write. Answers or example answers are included below. There are also some questions they may wish to answer at the end of the video. It will be useful for them to have the 'Osiris Described' text in front of them (included in this pack) to find the answers to these questions.

Watch Video



## Session 4: Osiris Described

### During the Video



1. What word or phrase could you use to describe Osiris based upon what you have read in paragraph 1? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

**Example answers:**

- I think he is polite because he thanks his servants warmly.
  - He is a quiet person because he is glad to be back alone in his chamber after the noise of being out in the palace.
  - He is a music lover. I know this because he says, "It was wonderful being entertained by those fine musicians."
2. Can you find three facts in the second paragraph about Osiris's physical appearance?  
**Answers should include three from the following:**
    - He has strong muscles.
    - He has perfect posture.
    - He is no taller than an average man.
    - He looks powerful and tall.
    - He has brown eyes.
    - He wears fine, golden ceremonial robes.

3. In the final paragraph, it says, "'You may leave me now. Thank you for your attentions,' he said firmly.' What can you work out about Osiris by reading this sentence?

**Example answers:** I can tell that he is polite because he says thank you. I can tell that he appreciates his loyal servants from the way that he is thanking them for their attentions. I can tell that he is commanding as he says this firmly.

### After the Video



4. What reason does Osiris give for wanting a drink of water? (paragraph 2)

**He felt thirsty because it was a hot night.**

5. Why do the servants adore Osiris? (paragraph 2)

**The servants adore him because he is kind and respectful.**

6. What word in the second paragraph tells you that other rooms in the palace are extravagantly decorated and luxurious?

**The word 'opulent' tells me that the other rooms are extravagantly decorated and luxurious.**

7. What two adverbs are used to describe the way that Osiris speaks in the second paragraph?

**The adverbs are 'softly' and 'commandingly'. Also accept 'graciously'.**

8. How did Osiris know that he was doing a good job as a pharaoh? (paragraph 3)

**His wife and grandfather had told him so. He also saw that it was true by looking at the faces of his subjects.**

## Deeper Reading



9. What question would you like to ask Osiris while he sits in this chamber?

**Children's own responses. Example answer: What is your favourite thing about being pharaoh?**

10. Write a short paragraph summarising what you know about Osiris by reading the text.

**Osiris is a much-loved pharaoh. He is kind, respectful and polite. He has strong muscles, perfect posture, brown eyes and he seems tall, even though he is no taller than the average man. He enjoys listening to music, feels sleepy when it is warm and wears fine, golden ceremonial robes. He enjoys quiet time in his room away from the bustle of the rest of the palace. He is loved by his subjects and is very good at his job as pharaoh.**

## Related Activity



Each day, an English activity relating to the part of the story covered will be provided. These worksheets have activities of increasing difficulty to complete with a Part A, a Part B and an additional challenge. For these worksheets, your child might decide to complete Part A only, to start at Part B or to complete all parts of the worksheet. Answers are provided below.

### Activity: Words of Characters Activity Sheet

Children think carefully about how the words spoken by characters can reveal information about their personality and feelings as they complete this activity. Children will need to have read 'The Story of Osiris' **eBook** to complete this activity. A challenge question is also included. This activity sheet can be viewed on the screen and completed on paper if you don't have a printer available.

## Answers



### Part A

Example answers:

Quotation	Who actually said this or would be most likely to say this?	What does the quotation tell you about their character?
"I see no reason why the public should adore Osiris."	Seth	puzzled by Osiris's popularity, jealous

"You have met your end, Brother!"	<b>Seth</b>	<b>evil, nasty, takes pleasure in hurting others</b>
"I feel exhausted, but I must go on."	<b>Isis</b>	<b>resilient, determined</b>
"My tears will flood the Nile."	<b>Isis</b>	<b>heartbroken, loves Osiris</b>
"Don't worry. We will carefully put him together."	Anubis	<b>kind, reassuring, skilled.</b>
"How dare he do that to my beloved grandson!"	<b>Ra</b>	angry, loves Osiris
"I do not care what he says. I will not go to him. I am Pharaoh now."	Seth	<b>arrogant, disobedient</b>

## Part B

1. **Isis says this. I think it shows that she has a lot of affection for her husband and that she is playful and has a sense of humour.**
2. a) **I think Seth might say something like, "Let's see you get out of this, Brother! I will erase you from the memory of Egypt."**  
b) **These words show that Seth is angry and jealous, as well as showing his determination to make sure his brother cannot destroy his power.**
3. a) **I think Anubis might say, "Don't worry, my dear friend. We shall put him together with love and care."**  
b) **These words show that Anubis is a caring and loyal friend who tries to think of others' feelings as he offers comforting words to Isis.**
4. a) **I think Isis might have said, "Thank you, my dear Anubis. It is so very kind of you to do this. You are the best embalmer there is."**  
b) **These words show that Isis is polite and grateful for the help that Anubis is giving to her and that she appreciates his skill, as well as his love for Osiris.**
5. a) **I think Isis might have said, "Excuse me. I'm sorry to trouble you but I am Isis, searching desperately for Osiris. I can see that you are very busy but could you possibly spare a few minutes to help me to check this spot in the Nile for him?"**  
b) **These words tell the reader that Isis is desperate to find her husband and yet she retains self-control and shows respect for the people she talks to. She is also polite and empathetic.**

## Challenge Task

Example answer:

**I wish there had been more dialogue included when Anubis and Isis were embalming Osiris's body. I find Anubis a very interesting character and I would have liked to have found out more about him. It would also be interesting to hear more about how Isis was feeling at this point in the story.**