

## **ACTIVITY 1 – MEMO**

### **The Gift of the Nile**

**Read the text carefully and try to fit in the missing words.**

The River Nile runs through the middle of Egypt. On both sides of the Nile is desert, where nothing will grow.

People could not live in Egypt if the River Nile did not exist. Every year, in ancient times, the River Nile flooded. The water brought with it the rich black mud. When the flood waters went down or receded, the farmers planted seeds in the mud. This mud helped the seeds grow very well. They watered the seeds using water from the Nile. They irrigated the fields using canals and ditches and lifted or raised water from the Nile using a shaduf.

During the time of the flood the farmers could not do their farm work, so they had to work for the Pharaoh. They built statues and pyramids.

#### **You will need some of these words**

field	Nile	pyramids	camels	flooded	mud
Pharaoh	water	trees	farmers	grow	irrigated
canals	shaduf				