

## JOLLY PHONICS READER: Nonfiction: *The Nile*

### Activity 3

#### A. Passage from the reader:

Boats travel on the Nile to carry people and goods. Long ago, people used the river as a road.

1. What travels on the Nile?

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2. Write **one plural noun** from the extract.

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3. Why was the Nile like a road long ago?

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4. Why did people live near the Nile?

It was cold  
It gave water and food  
It was far away

5. What does the word **flows** mean?

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6. The land far from the river is **barren**.

What does **barren** mean?

- full of plants
- dry and empty
- very wet

7. Complete the two words inside these compound words:

i. Notebook: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Landmark: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Underground: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

8. Complete the words using **-er** or **-est**.

a) long → long\_\_\_\_\_  
b) long → long\_\_\_\_\_

9. Complete the sentence using **and / but / because**:

People used boats \_\_\_\_\_ there were no cars.

10. Circle the **verb**:

Boats carry people across the river.

11. Rewrite with correct punctuation:

people traveled on the nile long ago

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Write **4 to 5 sentences** describing the picture. Try to follow these "Super Writer" goals:

1. Use at least **one** compound word.
2. Use at least **one** word with a prefix (un-, re-) or a suffix (-er, -est).
3. Use your best handwriting!



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**Answer Key: Worksheet 3 – The Nile**

1. Boats
2. Boats (or people, goods)
3. People used the river to travel and carry things from place to place.
4. It gave water and food
5. To move along steadily in a stream.
6. dry and empty
7. Compound Words:
  - i. Notebook
  - ii. Landmark
  - iii. Underground
8. longer, longest
9. because
10. carry
11. People traveled on the Nile long ago.
12. Sample Picture Description:

The blue river flows between the green trees. It looks like a peaceful riverbank with grass on both sides. This river is the longest one in the area. The white clouds are floating in the sky.