



















# The Great Pyramid of Giza (Solution)

Each of the hex clues are numbered and solve to a six-letter answer. These answers can be placed in the pyramid starting at the appropriately numbered space and proceeding in the indicated direction around the hex. The tier clues are separated into six tiers with tier 1 corresponding to the top of the pyramid and tier 6 corresponding to the bottom of the pyramid. The answers for the tier clues vary in length and are placed in the pyramid starting at unmarked spots in each tier but always proceeding clockwise around the pyramid in order of the given clues for each tier. The answers to the clues are:

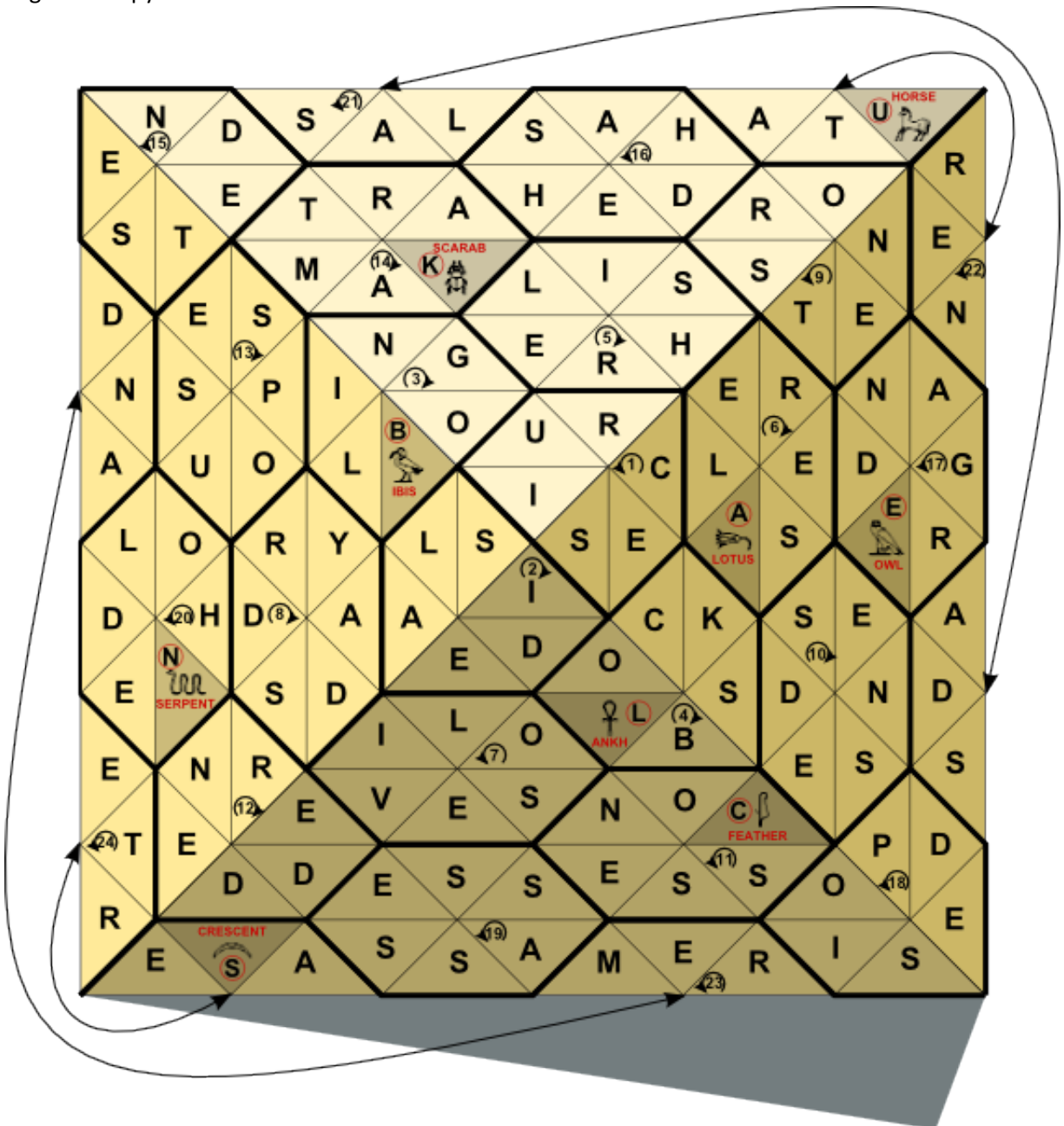
<u>Hexes</u>	
1. Pleasure voyage	CRUISE
2. Standards of perfection	IDEALS
3. Small, grotesque fantasy creature who may work at Gringotts	GOBLIN
4. Cubical toys for tots	BLOCKS
5. Pickle condiment	RELISH
6. Secondhand transaction	RESALE
7. Pimiento holders	OLIVES
8. Wood nymphs	DRYADS
9. Some choir members	TENORS
10. Heard, smelled or tasted	SENSED
11. English tea treats	SCONES
12. Blush with embarrassment	REDDEN
13. Better half	SPOUSE
14. Passenger railway company	AMTRAK
15. Fitted together like Russian dolls	NESTED
16. Chopped up, like breakfast potatoes	HASHED
17. Male goose	GANDER
18. Composed and ready for action	POISED
19. Appraise	ASSESS
20. Caulfield from "The Catcher in the Rye"	HOLDEN
21. Leafy lunches	SALADS
22. Alternative to nurture	NATURE
23. Sent back to a lower court	REMAND
24. Short movie trailer meant to entice	TEASER

<u>Tier 1</u>	
Egyptian goddess of fertility	ISIS
<u>Tier 2</u>	
Cover story given to police	ALIBI
2011 Gyllenhaal film	SOURCE CODE
<u>Tier 3</u>	
Why you can't get money on Christmas or Fourth of July	BANK HOLIDAY
Stick around	LINGER
Opposite of good-bye	HELLO
Elephant's long teeth	TUSKS
<u>Tier 4</u>	
Lock of hair	TRESS
Overcome or vanquish	DEFEAT
Long-legged wading bird of the family Ardeidae	HERON
Cuts off	SEVERS
Bits of rain	DROPS
Eye makeup	MASCARA
Utter joy	BLISS
<u>Tier 5</u>	
4-sided pyramidal shape	TETRAHEDRON
Fund, as a museum	ENDOW
Eye part or camera attachment	LENS
In need of an exorcism	POSSESSED
More closely packed	DENSER
Top floor apartment	PENTHOUSE
<u>Tier 6</u>	
Readied a golf ball	TEED
England's westernmost cape	LAND'S END
Mexican dip	SALSA
Egyptian goddess of love	HATHOR
Sister of athlete Venus	SERENA
Alums	GRADS
Streetcar name?	DESIRE
Slaughters	MASSACRES
Middle	CENTER

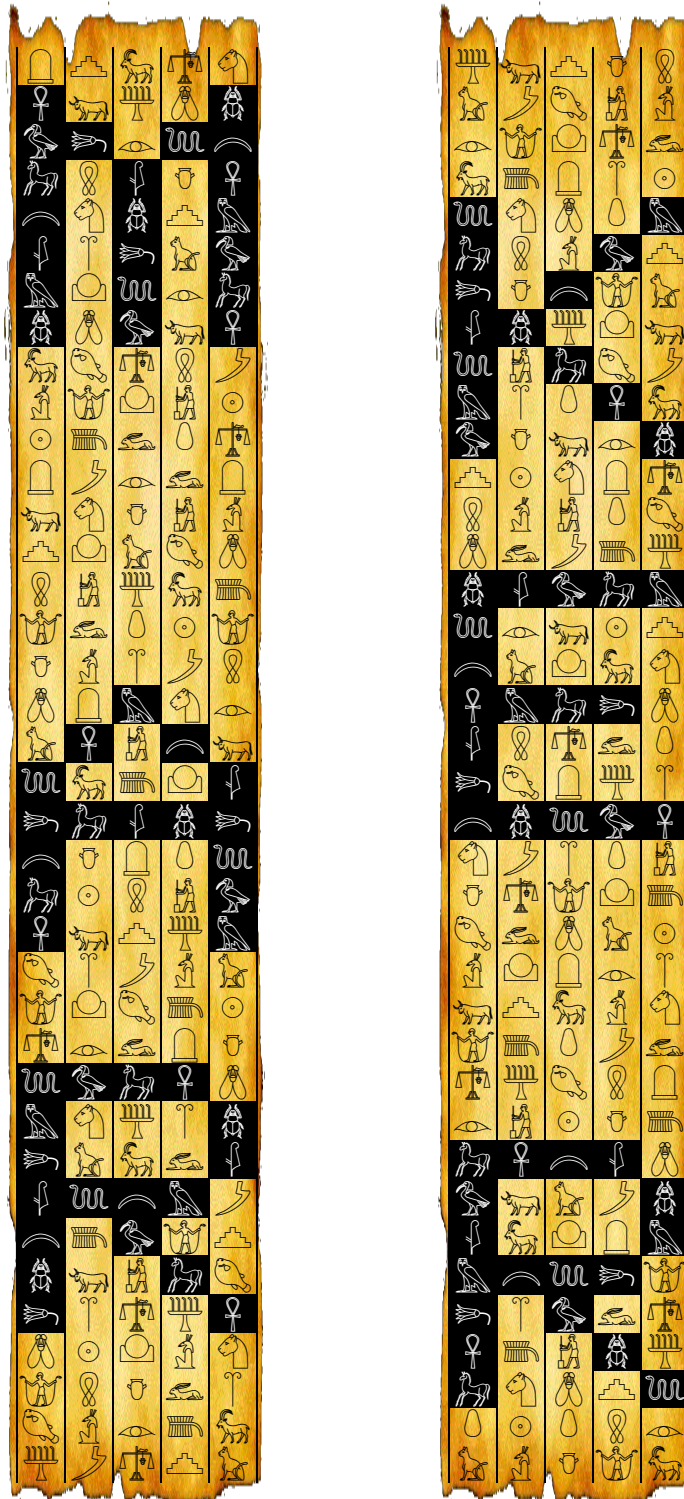
Each hex answer fits exactly in its hexagon but the tier answers do not always fit exactly. The key insight is that the letters forming the name of an Egyptian hieroglyph are replaced with the named glyph. This occurs nine times:

<u>Clue answer(s)</u>	<u>Hidden glyph</u>	<u>Glyph</u>	<u>Result in pyramid</u>
ALIBI SOURCE CODE	IBIS		AL  OURCECODE
BANK HOLIDAY	ANKH		B  OLIDAY
HELLO TUSKS	LOTUS		HEL  KS
DEFEAT HERON	FEATHER		DE  ON
MASCARA BLISS	SCARAB		MA  LISS
ENDOW LENS	OWL		END  ENS
DENSER PENTHOUSE	SERPENT		DEN  PENT
HATHOR SERENA	HORSE		HAT  RENA
MASSACRES CENTER	CRESCENT		MASSA  ER

The resulting filled-in pyramid is as follows:



The spaces where the glyphs appear in the pyramid do not match the letters obtained from the corresponding hex clues. These letters are circled in red above and taken in either hex or row order, they spell **BLACKEN US** which is a hint for the final extraction. The only unused parts of the puzzle are the two columns of hieroglyphics on the clue page. Blackening in the glyphs in those columns that also appear in the pyramid results in:



And thus the final answer is **MARKER**.