**Egyptian 1-minute challenge – Card 1**

1. **Around when was Egypt united? 3100 BC**
2. **Who was the Egyptian god of the Sun?** **Ra**
3. **What did the Egyptians think controlled the body?** **Heart**
4. **How many seasons were there in Ancient Egypt? 3**
5. **What did Egyptians use to pay for things? Weight called a deben**
6. **What did Egyptians mainly drink?** **Beer**
7. **What was the Egyptian version of paper called?** **Papyrus**
8. **True or false: Ancient Egyptians might sleep on their roofs: True**

**Egyptian 1-minute challenge – Card 2**

1. **Which insect was seen as sacred in Egypt? Scarab beetle**
2. **Which Egyptian city became the centre for learning?** **Alexandria**
3. **Which religion did the Egyptians convert to?** **Christianity**
4. **Who found the tomb of Tutankhamun?** **Howard Carter**
5. **True or false: Women could be pharaohs: True**
6. **What would most Egyptian houses be built from? Mud-brick**
7. **Which Egyptian queen sided with the Romans? Cleopatra**
8. **What did the Egyptians think happened to the Sun every day? Rolled away by a dung/scarab beetle**

**Egyptian 1-minute challenge – Card 3**

1. **What was the name of the famous ‘boy-king’ pharaoh? Tutankhamun**
2. **Which structure protected the Great Pyramids?** **Sphinx**
3. **Who was the Egyptian god of the underworld?** **Osiris**
4. **True or false: EVERY Egyptian was mummified: False**
5. **What is the Egyptian style of writing called? Hieroglyphics**
6. **Which great pharaoh ruled for around 70 years? Ramses II**
7. **What was the main way of travelling in Egypt? Boat**
8. **What did the Egyptians use to dry the body out with as a part of mummification? Salt**

**Egyptian 1-minute challenge – Card 4**

1. **Which famous general invaded Egypt in 332 BC? Alexander the Great**
2. **Where did most Ancient Egyptians live near? River Nile**
3. **Who was the Egyptian god with the head of a jackal? Anubis**
4. **True or false: The Egyptians had access to lots of wood: False**
5. **True or false: The Egyptians used chariots in war: True**
6. **What was the main thing that Egypt sold to make money? Grain**
7. **Where did the Egyptians store internal organs during mummification? Canopic jars**
8. **Which Egyptian god took the form of a crocodile? Sobek**

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The 1-Minute Challenges are designed to be fun and engaging whilst focusing on knowledge retrieval. These are an ideal way of starting your lessons working in pairs or small groups. Questions can be changed and tailored to suit the content of your OWN topic.

1. Print out the Challenge Cards, laminate them and tie them together with either a split pin or a treasury tag so that the children can easily access all four different cards. You could have these printed separately or back to back.
2. In pairs, children have a set of cards each and choose a card to test their partner. Children need to try and answer all eight questions in 1-minute or as many as they can within that time.
3. Using speed chess as inspiration (or the Beat The Chasers TV show), have a stopwatch for each child, a countdown timer on an iPad (<https://www.online-stopwatch.com/chess-clock/> - tap on each clock to change the timer to 60 seconds for each side) or use an actual chess clock if you have plenty.
4. Children take it in turns to ask questions. If they get a question correct, they stop their timer and ask their partner a question. If they do not know the answer or are incorrect, they continue answering questions.
5. The winner is the one who either answers all of their questions in the quickest time or the one who answers the most questions correctly.
6. Children could then choose a different question card to ask their partner or they could move to someone else. You could have winners play each other to narrow down to a grand final or simply have the children just find another partner.