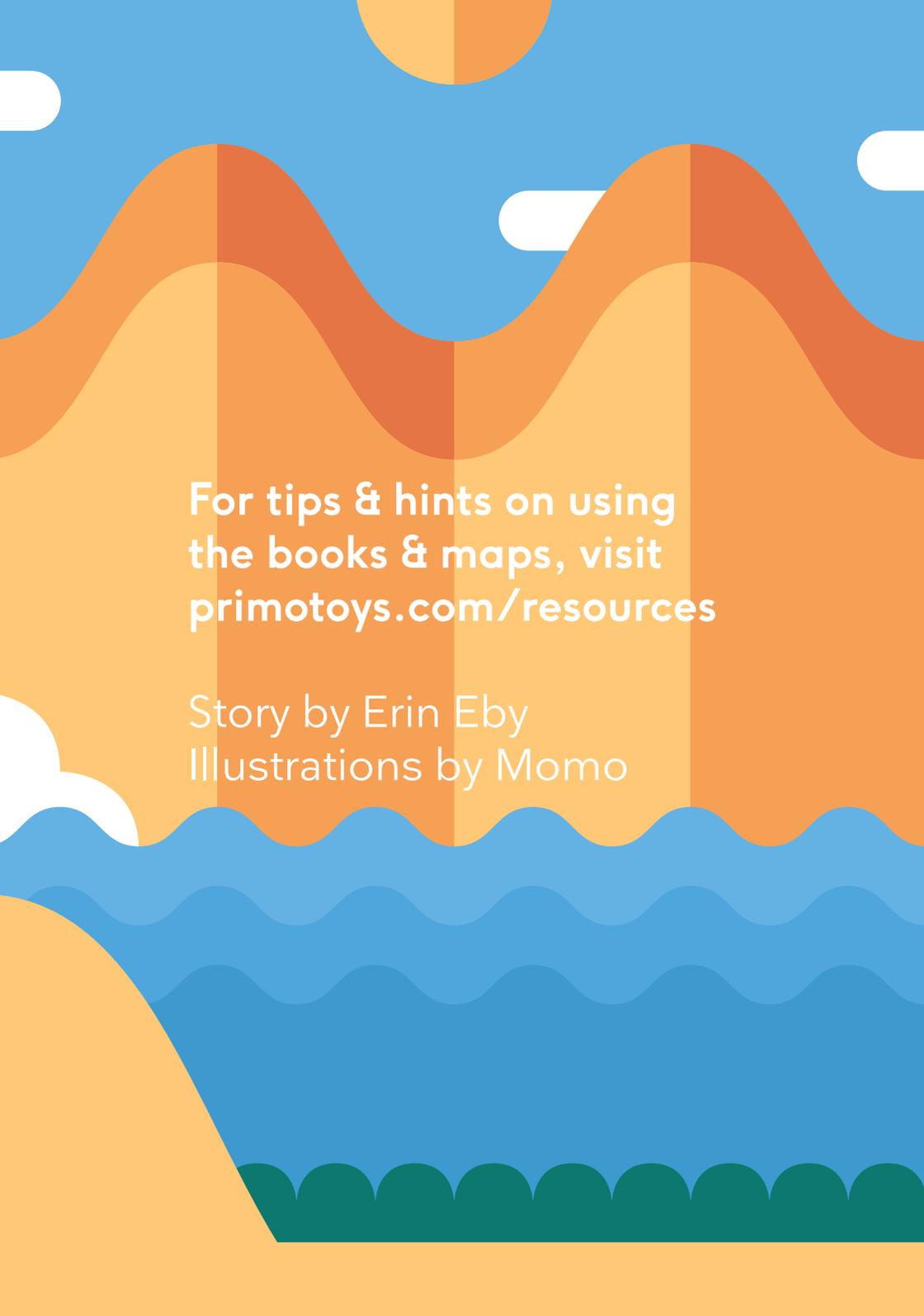


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Cubetto's Class Trip

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Today Cubetto's class is taking a field trip.

While out, they will learn all about the mysteries and wonders of ancient Egypt. They climb into the bus and head off to the museum.



Ancient is another word for very, very old.



What things could be described as ancient?



Starting on the compass, head to the palm tree.





Thousands of years ago, their kingdom was on a wide and rushing river called the Nile.

The land was a dry and sandy desert, but the river valley was fertile and full of life.



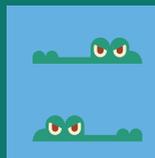
A group of people with their own culture is called a civilization.



Do you know any other ancient places we study today?



From the palm tree, cross the Nile and move to the crocodiles.





Every year the river flooded, making the land a good place to farm. But dangerous animals like crocodiles and hippos lived in the river.

The farmers had to be very careful.



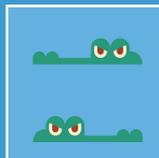
A plant called papyrus grew on the riverbank. They used it to write on.



Today we use paper. What do you think paper is made of?



Send Cubetto to the northeastern most square with the hieroglyphics on it.





Grand statues covered in tiny pictures called hieroglyphics fill the museum.

Hieroglyphics were their version of letters and words.

They used hundreds of them to write stories and record their history.



We also use pictures and shapes to communicate. We call these symbols.



Can you think of any symbols you might see everyday?



Make Cubetto head to the sphinx. Pick up some gems on the way.





Wealthy kings called pharaohs ruled the land. Their palaces and tombs were full of gold and jewels. They travelled far and wide to share and trade their treasures with other ancient people.



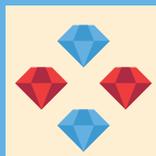
Trading with other kingdoms made the Egyptians very rich and powerful.



What types of things do you think they traded?



From the sphinx, head to the gems near the temple. Use two right turns and two left turns.





In the last room stand three stone triangles. A plaque nearby says that these are miniature versions of their most famous buildings.

They are called the Great Pyramids of Giza.



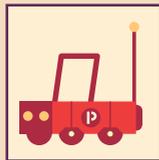
A pyramid is a triangle in three dimensions, like Cubetto with a pointy head!



Can you think of any other shapes in three dimensions?



Hop on the dune buggy. Drive by the statue then to the pyramid. Don't get wet! Use your function line.





The people of Egypt were builders, shopkeepers, scribes, and doctors.

They were a lot like the people who live in Cubetto's city today.



Scribes were people who knew how to read and write hieroglyphics.



What kind of information do you think the scribes recorded and why?



Using a blue block, head to the temple, going the way of the crocodiles and island.





On the way back to school Cubetto cannot stop talking about the exhibit. Life in ancient Egypt was very different, but in many ways the same. They had family, friends, and loved adventures.

What a fun day at the museum!



Archeologists are people who dig in the ground to find old buildings and objects.



What kind of objects do you think archeologists find?



From the temple, head back to the dune buggy. Use the function line to find your own way.





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