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Quick Questions



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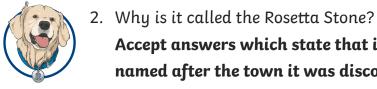
Answers



1. Which word from the text means to 'make bigger'? expand

Accept answers which state that it was

named after the town it was discovered in.



- 3. How do you think scholars felt when the Rosetta Stone was discovered? Give a reason for your answer.

Accept any appropriate answer (e.g. relieved, delighted, grateful) provided that it is supported by a relevant reason.



4. How do hieroglyphics compare to the alphabet we use today?

Accept answers which discuss any relevant similarities or differences, e.g. 'our letters are also like pictures which mean a sound' or 'we do not use picture of people or things but they did.'







