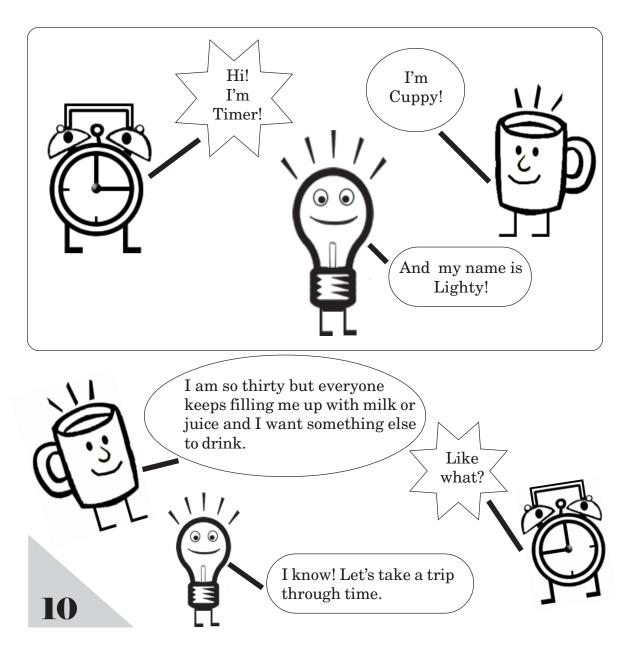


Journey Through Time









Did you know that all historians have agreed that the Egyptians were the first to calculate time.

Really?





Yes, really. They divided the year into 12 months, according to their knowledge of the stars. They later discovered the solar year, and became dependent upon it.

C ach of the 12 months was 30 days long and they added five more days, which they called the Little Month. Therefore, their year became 365 days long. The final stage of adjusting the calendar, in 238 B.C. was to add a sixth day to the Little Month every four years. The beginning of their year was on the first day of the month of Thoout, which is the first month of the Coptic year. The Egyptians named their months after their gods and chose their names according to the season of the climatic changes for agriculture. They divided the year into 3 main seasons:

- The season of the flood of the Nile (Thoout to Koiahk)
- The season of vegetation (Tobe to Paremoute)
- The season of reaping and harvesting (Pashons to Mesore)