

EGYPTIANS AND THE SKY

1 Listen and match.

- 1 In ancient Egypt priests study the sky: the sun, the moon, planets and stars.
- 2 The sacred star Sirio has a goddess: Sothis; she has a bow, an arrow and a big crown.
- 3 When Sirio is in the sky the solar year begins. Ancient Egyptians studying astrological phenomena create the calendar of 365 days. Julius Caesar appreciates this method of measuring time and takes it to Rome.



2 Look at the sky tonight. Can you see a constellation? Which one?

KEY VOCABULARY

arrow *freccia* • astrological *astrologico* • bow *arco* • crown *corona*
 • goddess *dea* • moon *Luna* • planets *pianeti* • priests *sacerdoti* • sky *cielo*
 • stars *stelle* • sun *Sole*