

Tutankhamun's Tomb



Who Found His Tomb?

The tomb was found by a group of researchers led by Howard Carter. Tutankhamun is one of the most famous and talked about pharaohs because his tomb was only found in 1922, which means that all of the treasures and the body inside have been left in very good condition. Carter knew where to look because he worked out from other important finds that the tomb would be in the Valley of the Kings. Carter said that a cup, with Tutankhamun and his wife on it, was a clue that helped him find the tomb. The cup was found by a man called Theodore Davies.

What They Found Inside

Inside the tomb they found over 3000 treasures that were put in for Tutankhamun to take with him into the afterlife. Many of the items were made from, or covered in, gold - only fitting for a king to own. The tomb itself was split into many different rooms. Most of the rooms were for the objects, apart from the burial chamber which just held his sarcophagus (a decorated stone coffin).

Decoration

The burial chamber with the body is the only decorated room in the tomb, which is very unusual for a resting place for a king.



Normally, all the walls would be carved or painted, which is how we know that Tutankhamun died very suddenly. Many historians also believe that the tomb itself was not made for him in the first place and the burial chamber and decorations were added later.

The images on the walls were from a ritual called the 'opening of the mouth'.



The Curse of the Mummy!

The curse of the mummy started after Tutankhamun's tomb was opened. Mummies have been thought to have magical powers over any who disturb them. It started with Lord Carnarvon; the man who paid for the dig of King Tut's tomb died 5 months after it was opened. As soon as he died, all the lights in Cairo went out mysteriously. Other stories are that Carter's pet canary was killed by a cobra and Carnarvon's dog died the same night. Some think it was a germ but others say it was magic.

**Reading
Mission**
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read 'Tutankhamun's Tomb'.

After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are below.

1. Who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb? Tick **one**.

- Lord Carnarvon
- Theodore Davies
- Howard Carter
- Howard Carnarvon

2. Why is Tutankhamun one of the most famous pharaohs?

3. Explain, in your own words, how we know Tutankhamun died suddenly.

4. How many treasures were found inside the tomb?

- Over 3000
- Over 300
- Over 30,000
- Over 30

5. **Find** and **copy** a word that means 'a religious ceremony'.

6. What happened 5 months after the tomb was opened? Tick **one**.

- Howard Carter died.
- Lord Carnarvon died.
- The tomb collapsed.
- Lord Carnarvon's cat died.

7. Use the information in the text to fill in the blanks.

Tutankhamun's tomb contained so many treasures covered in, or _____
_____, gold so he could take them with him to the _____.
His body was in a stone coffin called a _____.

8. Do you think Howard Carter believed in the mummy's curse? Use the text to support your ideas.

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	<p>Answers</p> <p>1. Who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb? Tick one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Carter</p> <p>2. Why is Tutankhamun one of the most famous pharaohs? Tutankhamun is one of the most famous pharaohs because his tomb was discovered quite recently (1922). This means that the artefacts and the body are in a good condition.</p> <p>3. Explain, in your own words, how we know Tutankhamun died suddenly. Accept any response that suggests Tutankhamun died before the tomb was finished, such as: 'We know Tutankhamun died suddenly because the tomb was not completely decorated. Usually a tomb for a king would have paintings in all of the rooms, but only his burial chamber had paintings in, so maybe he died before the tomb was ready for him.'</p> <p>4. How many treasures were found inside the tomb? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 3000</p> <p>5. Find and copy a word that means 'a religious ceremony'. ritual</p> <hr/> <p>6. What happened 5 months after the tomb was opened? Tick one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lord Carnarvon died.</p> <p>7. Use the information in the text to fill in the blanks. Tutankhamun's tomb contained so many treasures covered in, or made from, gold so he could take them with him to the afterlife. His body was in a stone coffin called a sarcophagus.</p> <p>8. Do you think Howard Carter believed in the mummy's curse? Use the text to support your ideas. Pupil's own response, that refers to the text, such as, 'I believe Howard Carter might start to believe in the mummy's curse because of all the things that happened to Lord Carnarvon and his dog.' Or 'I believe Howard Carter didn't believe in the Mummy's curse because if he did, he would not have opened the tomb.'</p> <hr/>
<p>Writing Mission 30 mins</p>	<p>Below is a list of the spellings that you need to learn during Year 3 and 4. Choose 10 spellings that you think that you need to practise. Here are some ways that you could practise your spellings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look, cover and write. - Create a word search using your chosen spellings. - Create a crossword. - Trace the words in rainbow colours.

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	

Maths
Mission
30 mins

The Bakery

Here are the statistics for the number of muffins made in a bakery during one week.

Day of the week	Number of chocolate chip muffins	Number of blueberry muffins
Monday	324	236
Tuesday	721	349
Wednesday	426	681
Thursday	438	624
Friday	724	234

Use the statistics to answer the questions below.
Complete your working out in the boxes provided.



1. How many muffins were made altogether on Monday?

2. How many blueberry muffins were made altogether on Monday and Tuesday?

3. There were more muffins produced on Thursday than Wednesday. Is this correct?

4. How many chocolate muffins were made altogether on Wednesday and Thursday?

Challenge: Write your own addition problem about the data and try to solve it below.
Show your working out.

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	<p>Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How many muffins were made altogether on Monday? 5602. How many blueberry muffins were made altogether on Monday and Tuesday? 5853. There were more muffins produced on Thursday than Wednesday. Is this correct? Wednesday: 1107 Thursday: 1062 No4. How many chocolate muffins were made altogether on Wednesday and Thursday? 864 <hr/>
<p>Topic Mission Ideas for the week. Choose activities based on what interests you.</p>	<p>See Monday's planning.</p> <hr/>