



# The King of All Discoveries!



DIFFICULTY:

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### THE KING OF ALL DISCOVERIES!

The body of Egyptian boy king, Tutankhamen, has been found. In the early hours of yesterday morning, a number of local archeologists reported watching Howard Carter (a renowned Egyptologist) making the exciting find. Although exact details are yet to be released, it is thought that there are over a thousand artifacts in the tomb, along with the pharaoh's body.

Late last year, it was reported that Carter and his team, which includes Englishman Lord Carnarvon, had begun excavation works on what they believed to be the tomb of the famous 'King Tut'. At the time, Carter, who had been using a chisel given to him by his grandmother on his 17th birthday, revealed what he had seen through a tiny hole in the doorway of the tomb. When asked if he could see anything, Carter replied: "Yes, wonderful things!"

With yesterday's new find, and the tomb now being totally uncovered, a source close to Carter told us:

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***"This is an important discovery – the world has never seen an archaeological find on this scale before, and I think it is unlikely that there ever will be again. It is simply magical – there are bows and arrows, wine, food and treasure and the body of the great Egyptian King, Tutankhamen, in a solid gold coffin!"***

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Tutankhamen was an Egyptian pharaoh who ruled from 1332 B.C. – when he was just 9 years old. Nobody knows how he died, which means that Carter's findings are even more important to historians today. It will help us to discover much more about the past.

While we wait for details of the contents of the tomb, rumours are spreading about the 'Curse of the Pharaohs' – it has been hinted by many that all who enter the tomb of a pharaoh will die early. One local Egyptian spoke of curse to The Daily News today:

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***"I think he must be very brave to enter the tomb – everybody around here has heard the story of the dreaded curse. People must be careful and let the gods lay in rest."***

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If you were a witness to any of the discoveries that took place in Cairo today, please contact The Daily News today.



# Questions

1. What has been discovered?

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2. When did Carter begin working on excavations of the tomb?

- late last year
- in the early hours of yesterday morning
- on his 17th birthday
- in 1332 B.C.

3. 'This is a momentous discovery – the world has never seen an archaeological discovery on this scale before, and I think it is unlikely that there ever will be again'.

Look at the quote above. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'important'.

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4. Look at the paragraph that begins with "This is a momentous discovery...". Use the description to draw a picture of the inside of the tomb.

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# Questions

5. Write down two facts that the article tells us about Tutankhamen.

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6. Why do you think the discovery is so important?

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7. What is the 'Curse of the Pharaohs'?

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8. Imagine you are Howard Carter. How would you feel after reading the article in the newspaper? Explain your answer.

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9. Why does the newspaper ask people to contact them?

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# Answers

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**The body of Egyptian boy king, Tutankhamen**

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**Also accept artifacts**

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Look at the quote above. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'important'.

**momentous**

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4. Look at the paragraph that begins with "This is a momentous discovery...".

Use the description to draw a picture of the inside of the tomb.



**Accept any drawing that indicates the following contents of the tomb:**

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**bows and arrows, wine, food, gold sarcophagus**

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# Answers

5. Write down two facts that the article tells us about Tutankhamen.

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**Accept any of the following:**

**He was known as 'King Tut'.**

**He was a boy king.**

**He was an Egyptian Pharaoh.**

**He ruled from 1332 B.C.**

**He became king when he was 9 years old.**

**Little is known about the cause of his death.**

6. Why do you think the discovery is so important?

**It will enable us to discover much more about the past.**

7. What is the 'Curse of the Pharaohs'?

**It is a curse that suggests that anyone who enters a pharaoh's tomb will die early.**

8. Imagine you are Howard Carter. How would you feel after reading the article in the newspaper? Explain your answer.

**Proud because the newspaper recognises that he has made an important discovery.**

**Worried because the newspaper talks about the 'Curse of the Pharaohs' and Carter knows that he has entered the tomb so he may die early.**

**Accept any other valid answer with supporting explanation based on the text.**

9. Why does the newspaper ask people to contact them?

**Because the newspaper wants to publish more information about the discovery, and thinks that witnesses will be able to provide them with further facts/opinions.**

