

You Wouldn't Want To Be An Egyptian Mummy!



Unwrap the mysteries of mummification!

- Combines comic funny text and comic illustrations to fascinating facts, managing to accurately convey historical realities in an engaging, educational way.
- Funny, fact-filled book, perfect for encouraging reluctant readers to engage with ancient history and the KS2 curriculum.
- Perfect for Horrible Histories fans!

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Tomb robbers

You will need:

LIBERT Leads his valuable treasure of the dead to the tomb and the mummy process.

GLASS Once a mummy is wrapped, the mummy is placed in a glass jar to be buried.

WEDDING RINGS The price of a mummy is high and the mummy is buried in a glass jar.

FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH These are the fragrant oils of the mummy process.

Once your tomb doors are firmly closed and sealed, you may think you are ready for eternal rest. No such luck! Even before the mourner at your funeral have had time to go home, unwashed visitors are on their way - tomb robbers have started crawling towards you. If they steal even one small piece of jewellery from you, it could make them very rich, so they feel it's worth taking the risk of torture and death if they are caught. Robbers rip mummies open looking for treasures, so that they often have to be re-wrapped, sometimes getting extra heads or legs in the process!

Handy Hint
If you're a mummy, you should be wrapped in linen, not in a modern material like plastic.

It's mine, all mine!

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Animal mummies

Four varieties of animal mummies:

IBIS Ancient Egyptians worry that mummies might get pecked in the afterlife, so they leave a piece of meat in the tomb. An ibis's long beak is perfect for use as a mummy food. Mummified Aps bulls are worshipped as sacred cows and are thought to be messengers to the gods. Before your death, you may have made a special journey to a temple to buy an embalmed animal as a gift for a god.

DOG Dogs were often buried with their owners and were thought to be messengers to the gods.

CAT Cats were often buried with their owners and were thought to be messengers to the gods.

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Handy Hint
Beats of ibis were often used to mummify the dead.

HAVE A PET!
Ancient Egyptians loved their pets and often buried them with them. Some were even mummified.

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I shall I'll make a cat mummy!

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Eternal rest?

Some odd uses for mummies:

NOSE A mummy's nose, which had the same shape as a modern nose, was used to make a perfume.

HIPS The mummy's hips were used to make a perfume.

FEET The mummy's feet were used to make a perfume.

Handy Hint
By the nineteenth century AD, 2,000 years after your death, you may think you have found eternal peace at last. Wrong! It becomes fashionable amongst the wealthy to travel to Egypt and tourists buy mummies as souvenirs. Unfortunately, it also becomes fashionable to publicly unwrap mummies. No one is interested in you, however - only the magic amulets tucked in your wrappings. If you're lucky, you may be re-wrapped and put in a museum.

Handy Hint
Don't think about it, it's a long time ago and you're dead.

This mummy was to keep the secrets of the heart!

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Get stuffed!

After forty days in natron your body is completely dried out. Your skin is shrivelled and wrinkled, and you look like a piece of old leather! You really need help now, so it's off to the per nefer, the 'beautiful house', where your skin will be rubbed with oils to make it softer. The empty space where your organs were is filled with sawdust, rags and chaff. Other parts of your body are plumped up by pushing mud into tiny cuts in your skin. All you need now are false eyes and perhaps some false hair. You are almost looking alive again!

Do something about these flies!

Eye eye, boss!

Handy Hint
False eyes can be made out of ointment. As they have strong antiseptic qualities, they can also be stuffed into the body cavity.

You will need:

PALM WINE Scourge the body with juniper oil and palm wine.

FRANKINCENSE This highly valued fragrant gum resin will make the body smell sweet.

SAWDUST Stuff the body cavity with sawdust, chaff, sand and rags.

MOLTEN RESIN Once stuffed, cover the whole body in molten resin.

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