

Listen to the text then do the quiz.

In the Past

A mummy is a person or animal whose body has been dried after death. When people in Ancient Egypt died, they mummified. This process took a long time. Ancient Egyptians mummified their human dead to ensure their rebirth in the afterlife. In addition to humans, animals were also mummified, including cats, hawks, snakes, crocodiles and dogs.

How ancient Egyptians made a mummy? First, they washed the dead body in wine and Nile water. Then, they pulled out the useless organ. They dried out the mummies for about 40 days. They wrapped up the body in fine linen bandages. Sometimes, Egyptians painted a face on mummies. When the wrapping was all done, they put the mummy in a coffin. After that, they put that coffin in a coffin, and that coffin in another one and so on. Then, they placed the whole lot in a tomb called pyramids. There are around 80 pyramids from Ancient Egypt but the pyramids at Giza are the biggest.

What do you know about mummies? Choose the correct answer.

- To make a mummy, ancient Egyptians _____ the body first.
 - washed
 - wrapped
- Mummies dried for _____ days.
 - 40
 - 10
- Ancient Egyptians wrapped mummies in _____.
 - clothes
 - bandages
- Sometimes Egyptians painted _____ on mummies.
 - a face
 - hair
- Egyptians put mummies in _____.
 - houses
 - pyramids
- Egyptians also made mummies of _____.
 - cats
 - mice