

Let's read part 4

1. Read the text and decide which of these sentences are a fact (F) or an opinion (O).

- a) More than 3000 treasures were found in the tomb.
- b) He died from an infection.
- c) Tutankhamun became king when his father died in 1337 BC.
- d) "It was like entering a time machine".
- e) He died from a blow to the head.
- f) A gold face mask was found.
- g) The tomb was in a valley.
- h) Senet was a popular game.

DAILY NEWS

King Tut's Tomb Discovered!

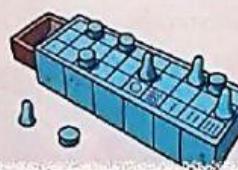
Yesterday, on the 24th November 1922, the archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings where many of the pharaohs were buried. The tomb was so small that it was not discovered for over 3000 years!



Tutankhamun became Pharaoh of Egypt when his father died in 1337 BCE. He was only nine years old! His death at the age of eighteen is still a mystery to scientists. Some believe he died from an infection in a broken leg others think he died from a blow to the head.

Howard Carter and his team were amazed by the treasures inside the tomb. 'It was like entering a time machine,' said Carter. 'We can now learn so much about daily life in Ancient Egypt.'

More than 3000 treasures were found in the tomb. On the walls there were hieroglyphics, a golden chariot, weapons, jewellery and a throne. There was even a board game to play called Senet – a popular game in Ancient Egypt. The most incredible discovery though was the mummy of Tutankhamun and the solid gold face mask.



2. Are these sentences right or wrong? If there isn't enough information to decide if it is right or wrong, choose 'Doesn't say'.

A visit to Hearst Castle

by Theresa Martin

Last year, I had a great trip to Hearst Castle at San Simeon in California. Hearst Castle was built by William Randolph Hearst between 1919 and 1939, at a cost of more than \$30 million – about \$277 million today.

I spent all day looking around, but it wasn't enough. There was so much to see. Hearst Castle is really four houses. The main house, 'Casa Grande', is much bigger than the other three, which were used for guests. Many of these were Hollywood film stars, and they often came to Hearst's parties.

At Hearst Castle, there are 56 bedrooms, 61 bathrooms and 19 sitting rooms. There are also beautiful gardens, a garage for 25 large cars and two swimming pools, one inside and a larger one outside. I loved the one outside, the 'Neptune Pool' – it was a pity we couldn't go swimming!



I found the tour very helpful. The guide told me that Hearst, at the age of ten, toured Europe with his mother, looking at paintings and castles. He never forgot this tour and decided that he wanted his house to look like a castle.

Hearst died in 1951, and Hearst Castle was given by his family to the people of California. It is now a museum.



Example:

0. Hearst Castle was cheap to build.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

1. Hearst Castle is on a mountain near the sea.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

2. Hearst's guests stayed in "Casa Grande".
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

3. The swimming pools are the same size.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

4. Theresa thought the tour was very useful.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

5. Hearst enjoyed living in Hearst Castle.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

6. Hearst remembered his trip to Europe all his life.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

7. Hearst died in Hearst Castle.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say

8. The Hearst family still live at Hearst Castle.
a. Right b. Wrong c. Doesn't say