

TOO SAD TO BE FUNNY

SOME OF THE STRANGEST DEATHS EVER

Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple Tense

The Man with the Longest,
and Deadliest, Beard



Hans Steininger was an Austrian man who _____ (become) famous for having the world's longest beard. According to various estimates, it _____ (be) over 1.50 meters long, and he became even more famous for dying because of it. It might sound unbelievable and funny, although the death of someone is never funny, but it seems like one day Hans accidentally _____ (trip) on his long beard. He _____ (lose) his balance and _____ (fall), breaking his neck from the unexpected accident! He _____ (die) instantaneously.

Source: cabinetofcuriosities.ca

CHRYSIPPUS DIED
LAUGHING



Chrysippus _____ (be) a Greek Stoic philosopher. He _____ (serve) as head of the Stoic School of Hellenistic philosophy in Athens until his death in circa 206BC. It was recorded by a student at the Stoic School that the influential philosopher and headmaster literally _____ (die) of laughter. Chrysippus's deadly fit of laughter began when a donkey _____ (approach) him and _____ (begin) eating his figs. According to the student, "Having laughed too much, he died". Modern medical experts have determined the actual cause of death was most likely cardiac arrest which was brought on by asphyxiation caused by intense laughter.

Source: thepostmortempost.com

Brazilian man dies after cow
falls through his roof



A Brazilian man died after a cow _____ (crash) through the roof of his home and _____ (land) on top of him as he lay sleeping in his bed. Joao Maria de Souza, 45, had been in bed with his wife Leni when the animal suddenly _____ (fall) through the ceiling of their home in Caratinga, south east Brazil. The cow is believed to have escaped from a nearby farm and _____ (climb) onto the roof of the couple's house, which backs onto a steep hill.

His wife, and the cow, both reportedly _____ (escape) unharmed.

Source: dailymail.co.uk

Sigurd the Mighty, died
from a "bite" of his DEAD
enemy.



Sigurd the Mighty, died in perhaps the most bizarre circumstances of spontaneous justice throughout history. Being a proud warrior, Sigurd _____ (challenge) one of his enemies, Mael Brigitte the Tusk (nicknamed so because of his buckteeth), to a pitched battle in which each man would bring forty men only. Sigurd cheated and brought eighty men, and because of this numerical advantage his men _____ (win) the battle very quickly. In an act of triumphant arrogance, Sigurd _____ (strap) the severed head of Mael Brigitte to his horse. Amazingly, while riding away from the battle, Mael Brigitte's famous buckteeth _____ (scratch) Sigurd's leg, causing a gangrenous infection which eventually _____ (claim) his life.

Source: listverse.com