

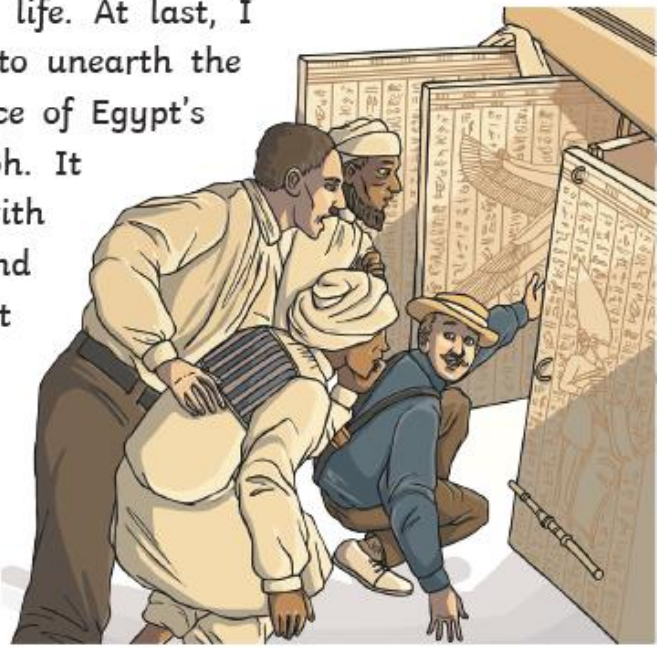
# SPAG and Reading Daily Tasks

Friday 5th February 2021

# An Extract from Howard Carter's Diary

4<sup>th</sup> November 1922

11 After the discovery of the first step, we exposed fifteen more  
20 steps leading down to an ancient doorway, still sealed  
31 after all these years. The name on the door was clear:  
41 Tutankhamen. They say this tomb is cursed; they say that  
49 the ancient pharaoh threatened anyone who disturbed his  
62 peace in the afterlife but that will not stop me. For five years  
72 we have been digging through the inhospitable desert and I  
80 am finally about to make the most important  
87 discovery of my life. At last, I  
94 will be the one to unearth the  
99 final resting place of Egypt's  
102 youngest pharaoh. It  
106 will be filled with  
108 treasures beyond  
110 anyone's wildest  
111 dreams.



## Quick Questions



1. In what year was this text written?

\_\_\_\_\_



2. Do you think Howard Carter was scared? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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\_\_\_\_\_



3. Sum up the main points of this extract in 20 words or less.

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4. What do you think happened next?

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### Section 1



Can you write the shop assistant's words as accurately-punctuated direct speech?

Would you like any carrier bags

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Section 4

Fill the spaces with the correct word in brackets:

The commander \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers into battle. (lead/led)

The superhero \_\_\_\_\_ into action. (spring/ sprang)

Ben had accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ his basketball over the fence. (thrown/ throwed)

### Section 2

Can you think of a word that ends in the suffix -ous that matches the definition?

Snake venom can be this =

p\_\_\_\_\_

Extremely brave = c\_\_\_\_\_

### Section 5

Up-level this sentence about an eclipse by adding an adverb, a preposition and an subordinate clause.

The sky went dark.

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### Section 3

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up two determiners. Can you help him to unjumble them?

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tmos \_\_\_\_\_



### Section 6

Which word fits in the sentence?

affect or effect

Will Heather's cold \_\_\_\_\_ her playing in the football final?

Pollution has a damaging \_\_\_\_\_ on the environment.



# Answers on the following slides



# Answers



1. In what year was this text written?  
**1922**



2. Do you think Howard Carter was scared? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.  
**Accept yes or no provided that it is backed up with relevant evidence from the text, e.g. 'No because he said that the curse will not stop him.'**



3. Sum up the main points of this extract in 20 words or less.  
**Accept any reasonable summary which includes the key points of the text in twenty words or less.**



4. What do you think happened next?  
**Accept any reasonable prediction exploring themes of opening the tomb, making the discovery, etc.**

### Section 1

Can you write the shop assistant's words as accurately-punctuated direct speech?

Would you like any carrier bags

**Accept accurate speech punctuation, e.g. "Would you like any carrier bags?" asked the shop assistant politely.**

### Section 2

Can you think of words that end in the suffix -ous that match these definitions?

Snake venom can be this = **poisonous**

Extremely brave = **courageous**

### Section 3

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up two determiners. Can you help him to unjumble them?

**one**

**most**

### Section 4

Fill the spaces with the correct word in brackets:

The commander **led** the soldiers into battle. (lead/led)

The superhero **sprang** into action. (spring/ sprang)

Ben had accidentally **thrown** his basketball over the fence. (thrown/ throwed)

### Section 5

Up-level this sentence about an eclipse by adding an adverb, a preposition and an subordinate clause.

The sky went dark.

**Accept an up-levelled sentence with an added adverb, preposition and subordinate clause, e.g. When the moon went in front of the sun, the sky went eerily dark.**

### Section 6

Which word fits in the sentence?

affect or effect

Will Heather's cold **affect** her playing in the football final?

Pollution has a damaging **effect** on the environment.