

Answers

I Want My Mummy

Who do you think this text might have been written for?

Young children aged 5 - 8

Children aged 8 - 13

Trainee embalmers

The High Priest

Explain your answer.

Simple words used but it is quite gory so not suited to younger children. Cartoon pictures to interest children.

Who is the Egyptian god that introduces the text? Anubis

What is he the Egyptian god of? Mummification or the after life

What 5 words tells you that Anubis believed helping the High Priest was a good thing?

It is a worthy goal

Would the iron hook used for scraping out the brain have been long or short? long

Draw what you think it looked like and explain how long it would need to be.

It would need to reach from the nostril to the edges of the skull.

Why do you think that the cut, for removing the organs, was small and not large?

So that the body is not damaged too much - a large cut would cause too much damage.

Would this have made the removal of the organs easy or difficult? Why?

It would have been difficult to gently pull them through a small hole

Do you think the priests had to be patient? Why?

Patience was vital as there are many steps to the process and the whole thing took 70 days.

Why do you think grave robbers often damage mummies? Mummies were delicate and robbers would be in a hurry so wouldn't be taking care about what damage they caused.

Vocabulary Building 1

1. In paragraph 3, find another word for 'dead body'. *Corpse*
 2. Find the word 'scrape'. How does this word suggest the amount of time it would take to remove the brain? *A lengthy process.*
 3. Explain why. Scraping sounds like it took a long time as scraping every bit out without being able to see would be tricky.
 4. On a scale of 1 - 10, how noisy do you think this part of the process would be?
 5. Explain your score. Noisy scraping against the skull bone and squelchy bringing out the organ through the nasal passage so probably around a 5
 6. What is the name for the special salt used for drying out the body? *natron*
 7. What word in paragraph 5 means 'more than you need'? *Surplus*
 8. Find a word in paragraph 7 that means 'the whole thing'. *entire*
 9. The prefix 're' means to do something again - what 're' words can you find in this text?
Remove repack
 10. What other 're' words can you find? *Open ended*
- 5 = Great >8= Amazing >10= Wow!!!

Vocabulary Building 2

ST/EH

LJV

Explain what these words mean in the text:

- introduce *explain who someone is*
- apprentice *a person training in a job*
- eternity *for all time/forever*
- internal *inside*
- combination *a mixture/ several things all together*

Challenge

LJV

Which word in each list is the odd one out - can you say why?

- falcon baboon giraffe jackal
it isn't one of the animals used for canopic jars
- beeswax natron sawdust sand
not one of the ingredients used in the mummification process
- liver brain lungs stomach
this was not one of the organs kept in a canopic jar
- painted face gold tipped finger nails glass eyes wooden leg
Mummies were not given these
- oil wine herbs spices
herbs were not used to clean or freshen up the smell of a mummy