

## New mummies found near Luxor, Egypt

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Archaeologists in Egypt have found a tomb that has three mummies inside it. The ancient tomb is over 3,500 years old. It contains the mummified bodies of a woman and her two sons. Archaeologists say the tomb belonged to a royal goldsmith

called Amenemhat and that the woman may be his wife. There was a statue of the goldsmith, sitting beside the woman. The tomb was found near the city of Luxor on the River Nile. Luxor is about 700km south of Egypt's capital city Cairo. Archaeologists say the woman was about 50 years old when she died. Tests show that she died because she had a bone disease. Her two sons were in their 20s and 30s. All three bodies were in very good condition.

The site that contains Amenemhat's tomb consists of a courtyard and two burial shafts. It was discovered by an Egyptian archaeological team from Luxor Antiquities. The latest discovery came after six years of digging on the site. Dr Yousef Khalifa, Egypt's former head of antiquities, told Arab News: "Luxor alone has one-third of the world's ancient monuments and visitors will enjoy exploring the newly found ancient Egyptian relics." Dr Khalifa hopes the new discoveries will help Egypt's tourism industry. He said many tourists will come to see the new mummies. Current head of antiquities, Dr Khaled al-Anani, hopes archaeologists will find more mummies in the area.

Sources: [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) / [arabnews.com](http://arabnews.com) / [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)

## Writing

Egypt is one of the best countries in the world to visit. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

archaeologists / tomb / mummy / statue / city / south / capital city / bone / disease / courtyard / team / discovery / ancient / monuments / tourism / industry / area

## True / False

- Three undiscovered mummies were found in a tomb in Egypt. T / F
- The three mummies belonged to the same family. T / F
- The mummies were found near the Pyramids near Cairo. T / F
- One mummy was of a woman who died aged around 50 years old. T / F
- The team that found the mummies is from Jordan. T / F
- The archaeologists had been digging the site for over 10 years. T / F
- An archaeologist said the new mummies would help tourism in Egypt. T / F
- An archaeologist doesn't think more mummies will be found. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. found</b>     | a. next to     |
| <b>2. ancient</b>   | b. region      |
| <b>3. beside</b>    | c. shape       |
| <b>4. died</b>      | d. discovered  |
| <b>5. condition</b> | e. finding     |
| <b>6. contains</b>  | f. passed away |
| <b>7. discovery</b> | g. business    |
| <b>8. relics</b>    | h. very old    |
| <b>9. industry</b>  | i. artifacts   |
| <b>10. area</b>     | j. holds       |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you know about archaeology?
- What do you think of mummies?
- How important are mummies?
- Would you like to be an archaeologist?
- What do you know about ancient Egypt?
- What do you know about the ancient history of your country?
- What was life like 3,500 years ago?
- How important was ancient history to the world?

## Phrase Match

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The ancient tomb is                      | a. ancient monuments       |
| 2. The tomb was found near the city of      | b. 20s and 30s             |
| 3. Tests show that she died because she had | c. archaeological team     |
| 4. Her two sons were in their               | d. Luxor on the River Nile |
| 5. All three bodies were in very            | e. a bone disease          |
| 6. discovered by an Egyptian                | f. tourism industry        |
| 7. Luxor alone has one-third of the world's | g. mummies in the area     |
| 8. enjoy exploring the newly found          | h. good condition          |
| 9. the new discoveries will help Egypt's    | i. ancient Egyptian relics |
| 10. archaeologists will find more           | j. over 3,500 years old    |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why are mummies the subject of horror stories?
- Have you seen mummies in a museum?
- Why did some cultures mummify dead bodies?
- How great is Egypt for tourists?
- Why do people think mummies are scary?
- How great is the biggest tourist attraction in your country?
- What questions would you like to ask the archaeologists?

## Spelling

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- south of Egypt's aicaptl city Cairo
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- Egypt's efrorm head of antiquities
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- many siortstu will come

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. h	3. a	4. f	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. i	9. g	10. b

## Role Play

### Role A – The Pyramids

You think the Pyramids is the best ancient site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, Taj Mahal or the Great Wall of China.

### Role B – Machu Picchu

You think Machu Picchu is the best ancient site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, Taj Mahal or the Great Wall of China.

### Role C – Taj Mahal

You think Taj Mahal is the best ancient site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, the Pyramids or the Great Wall of China.

### Role D – Great Wall of China

You think the Great Wall of China is the best ancient site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Machu Picchu, Taj Mahal or the Pyramids.

## Speaking –

Rank these with your partner. Put the best sites at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| • Stonehenge                   | • The Pyramids |
| • Moai statues - Easter Island | • Angkor Wat   |
| • Taj Mahal                    | • Machu Picchu |
| • The Great Wall of China      | • Petra        |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.