

Piece A: Short story

Pupils explored and acted out the five stages of a journey through a rainforest, in which weather was used to suggest a change in atmosphere or fortune. They then wrote their own five-stage story set in a different location, introducing a clue, which would be used later in the story, to help the narrator reach their destination.

"Lauren, I have ^{just} received a phone call from work, because we need to go to Antarctica so I can report the weather!" exclaimed Mum as she put some winter clothing in a suitcase and ~~the~~ ^{the} tatty-looking passports in her bag. Immediately, Lauren put on her brand new winter boots and her waterproof car coat. As soon as all the bags were packed they ran extremely fast to where Lauren's mum's ~~Bill~~ ^{Bill} was parked and they set off for Gatwick Airport.

Eventually, they arrived in Antarctica where the film crew were waiting for Lauren's mum to report the news, causing Lauren to be left alone and find the winter hut herself. As soon as her mum left she started picking up the bags and began to walk. Quickly, a light gust of wind moved towards her but when it had passed, it left Lauren with a very painful frost bite. What ~~could~~ ^{could} she do now ~~with~~ ^{with} to get rid of the frost bite? She thought to herself, but gradually it melted from the warm heat of her coat.

Within a few minutes, Lauren carried on with the journey when a bundle of hail stones constantly crashed down onto her head as a blizzard slowly occurred, right in front of her. There was no way of escaping the disastrous snow storm because it ~~was~~ ^{was} only plough ~~what~~ ^{was} in front of it (which was Lauren).

Menacingly, a snow leopard approached her, as if from nowhere, its mind ready to attack. Lauren was stuck between a fierce snow leopard and a powerful blizzard, knowing there was no one to help her and no way to escape.

Fortunately, Lauren realized she had her super strong winter boots on and immediately took one of them off. Determined to escape, she flung one of the boots onto the snow leopard, causing it to limp away in agony. Relieved, she cried with happiness and leaped with joy that she was finally free from that vicious leopard.

In time the blizzard disappeared, the hailstones had stopped and everything was calm again. Lauren arrived at the winter hut and ran for the light.

Following a class visit to Highclere Castle as part of a topic on the Egyptians, staff re-enacted the mummification of a fish. Pupils made notes on each stage of the process and recorded technical vocabulary. Using photographs and diagrams, they then planned and wrote their own set of instructions that the family of a pharaoh could follow.

How to mummify a Pharaoh

Do you have a Pharaoh ready to be mummified? Are you looking for a simple method for mummifying your pharaoh? Then follow these simple steps to help the emperor!

Equipment:

- Canopic jars
- 150m of linen
- Sawdust (or different types of spices)
- Natron Salt
- Cassia
- Onion
- Amulets
- Scrolls
- Hook

Method:

- ① Before starting, collect all of the utensils, making sure that the Canopic jars don't drop (because they are valuable jars that can give severe injuries).
- ② Carefully place the body on a sacred table and with a hook gently remove the brain through the nose. However, the brain is not needed so it can be fed to the dogs.

- ③ Following this, ^{thoroughly} wash the body and remove the internal organs.
- ④ Having finished the last step, place the lungs, liver and stomach into canopic jars (as this happens say a memorable prayer!).
- ⑤ After that take out the heart so that it can be sealed with a feather if it should go for the after life (once finished leave the body for 40 days).
- ⑥ Now dry the body in natron (which is a kind of salt) to only be used on dead pharaohs.
- ⑦ When completed, drying the body in salt, then fill the body with spices, sawdust and linen. (Sawdust and linen needed).
- ⑧ Next, bandage up the Pharaoh with strips of linen. (This can take up to around 70 days depending on the shape or size of the body).
- ⑨ After bandaging the Pharaoh, following this, wrap amulets and scrolls inside the strips, so that the dead Pharaoh is protected. (Also place an onion in the right hand of the pharaoh).
- ⑩ Finally, place the mummy in a coffin, painted with a face to resemble the person inside and process the coffin to the grave.

Now that you know how to mummify a body you can help your Pharaoh go to the after life.