

Understanding the text

- 1 What is the article about?
- 2 Who:
 - a paid for the excavation?
 - b did the excavation?
- 3 Where was the tomb discovered?
- 4 How long was the passage?
- 5 Name three things that were found in the tomb.

Looking at language

- 6 Explain these phrases in your own words.

a given up b with difficulty c could not believe their eyes

- 7 Explain the meaning of these words as they are used in the article.
Use a dictionary to help you.

a sensational b pharaoh c perseverance d expertise
e excavators f dismantled g sarcophagus h embalmed

Exploring the article

- 8 Where would you expect to find an article like this?
- 9 Would the headline make you want to read the article or not? Explain your reasons.
- 10 What impression do you get of Howard Carter?
- 11 Why do you think other excavators had 'given up'?
- 12 Why do you think the chariots had been 'dismantled'?
- 13 There are eight paragraphs in the article. Briefly summarise what each one is about.

Taking it further

- 14 Imagine you had been with Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon when they entered Tutankhamen's tomb. Write about your thoughts and feelings when:
 - a the outer door was opened.
 - b the passage was being cleared.
 - c they broke through the door to the burial chamber.
 - d you were inside.