

Making Words

Directions: Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET PHRASE all these letters make?

<p>Three-letter Words:</p>	<p>Four-Letter Words:</p>
<p>Five-letter Words:</p>	<p>Other words:</p>

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 25 words!

Total words

Do you know the secret words?



Unscramble these letters:

E	I	I	O	Y	C	G	H	H	L	P	R	S
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Clue: Created by the Egyptians, one of the world's first writing systems...

Weekend
Due Mon. & Tues.
12/12 & 12/13

READ THE PASSAGE Use your background knowledge and clues from the passage to make predictions about what scientists will learn from King Tut's mummy.

Was King Tut Murdered?

A young Egyptian king dies when he is just 19, and he is buried in a hurry. His name is Tutankhamen, or Tut, and thousands of years later, an archaeologist discovers his tomb. The archaeological team begins to study everything in the tomb, including the king's mummy. The world is fascinated by the riches of Tut's tomb, but how the young king died remains a mystery.

In 1968, a group of scientists X-rayed the mummy and found what appears to be damage to the skull. "Could his death have been caused by a blow to the head?" they wondered. Theories started to emerge. Perhaps the king's young wife killed him, or maybe someone envied the king's power.

In 2005, scientists examined Tut's mummy once again, using a CT scanner—a special kind of X-ray machine. After scanning the mummy, scientists determined that the archaeological team that originally discovered Tut had not been careful enough. They had dislodged some small bones when they removed Tut's gold mask. Now scientists believe that there was no blow to Tut's head, at least not while he was alive. Instead, they believe he died from an infection resulting from a broken bone in his left leg. It is also possible that he died from another disease. The mystery of Tut's death has not yet been solved, but murder is an unlikely explanation.

SKILL PRACTICE Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer for each question.

- How will scientists probably regard the mystery of King Tut's death in the future?
 - They will agree that the case has been solved.
 - They will look for other clues to solve the mystery.
 - They will lose interest in figuring out how he died.
 - They will agree that he was murdered.
- What do you think will happen if scientists develop a new way to examine mummies?
 - They will further damage Tut's mummy.
 - They will discover that Tut was murdered.
 - They will want to conduct more studies of Tut's mummy.
 - They will allow anyone to examine Tut's mummy.
- If scientists were to discover that Tut's leg was broken after he died, they might conclude _____.
 - that it is unlikely he died of an infection in his leg
 - that he was definitely murdered
 - that the injury to his skull killed him
 - that his death was caused by his wife
- If another Egyptian tomb with a mummy is discovered, what do you predict will happen?
 - Scientists will not be interested in the tomb.
 - Egyptian officials will not be careful with the mummy.
 - People will lose interest in King Tut.
 - Scientists will use great care in studying the mummy.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Write a question that can be answered by reading the passage. Have a partner answer it.
