

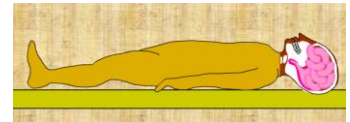
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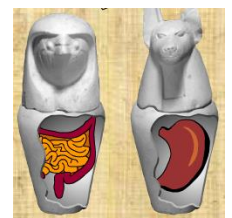
How are mummies made?

Ancient Egyptians are fascinating people. They mummified dead people so that they could have their bodies in the afterlife. But, how are mummies made?

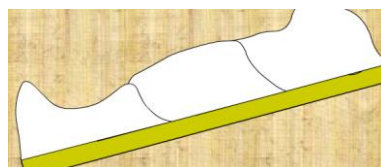
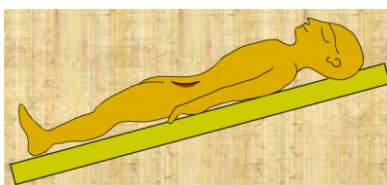
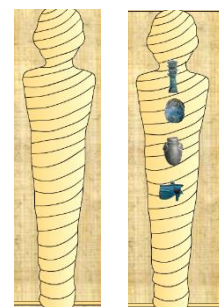
To begin with, the embalmer puts a hook up the nose; therefore, the brain can be cut up. Secondly, the other organs are removed and stored in Canopic jars.



Following this, the inside of the body is washed with wine and spices in order to stop it smelling.



After that, the body is laid on a tilt which causes the liquids run out of it. It is stuffed and covered with salt and, as a result of this, the body dries out. When the body is dried out (this takes 40 days), the embalmer wraps it in bandages. Whilst the body is wrapped, charms and amulets are placed inside the bandages because they are seen as lucky.



Then the embalmer places a mask over the head which allows people to know who the body belongs to. Finally, the body is put in a coffin (a sarcophagus) in a sealed tomb. Consequently, the body is protected from evil spirits and robbers.



Mummification was expensive, so only the richest of families had their bodies mummified. However, some monkeys, crocodiles and cats were also mummified if they were sacred.

### Retrieval

1. Why did Ancient Egyptians mummify people?
2. What does the embalmer do after the body has dried out?
3. Why were some animals mummified?

### Vocabulary

4. What is the name of an Ancient Egyptian coffin?
5. What is the meaning of the word sealed?  
Use sealed in a sentence.

### Inference

6. Why do you think it is so important for Ancient Egyptians to be ready for the afterlife?