

Ancient mummy found wearing Adidas boots

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An ancient mummy that was found in Mongolia has gone viral online because it seems to be wearing Adidas boots. Many people have been tweeting that the mummy is proof that time travel

exists. The mummy was discovered in the Altai Mountains in a remote part of western Mongolia. Researchers say it is around 1,500 years old. The mummy's boots look very similar to a pair of snowboarding boots made by the sportswear company Adidas. The mummy's boots have the same three stripes that Adidas is famous for putting on all its footwear. A picture of the boots has gone viral and people are saying the mummy is actually a modern human who travelled back in time.

The mummy's grave was first found in 2010 by local farmers. Last October, local archaeologists started digging deeper as they thought the site contained many important things. Earlier this month, local archaeologists found horse's saddles, clay vases, wooden bowls, and metal kettles. Archaeologists said the site was the first complete Turkic burial ground found in Central Asia. The first Turkic people started living in a region between Central Asia and Siberia around 2,600 years ago. They had their own language, including a unique alphabet. Wolves and the colour blue were very important in their culture. Some historians say the word 'turquoise' comes from the word 'Turkish'.

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Writing

Time travel would be a good thing. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

ancient / viral / online / proof / travel / remote / sportswear / modern / human / farmers / archaeologists / digging / saddles / region / language / alphabet / turquoise

True / False

- The ancient mummy was found in Mongolia. T / F
- The mummy was found in the middle of a big city. T / F
- Researchers say the mummy is 15,000 years old. T / F
- The mummy was wearing what look like Adidas soccer boots. T / F
- Archaeologists first found the mummy's grave in the year 2000. T / F
- Archaeologists found vases that were made of clay. T / F
- The mummy belonged to a group of people called the Turkics. T / F
- The word "turquoise" may come from the word "Turkish". T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. ancient | a. evidence |
| 2. appears | b. special |
| 3. proof | c. really |
| 4. similar | d. discovered |
| 5. actually | e. seems |
| 6. found | f. whole |
| 7. contained | g. much the same as |
| 8. complete | h. area |
| 9. region | i. age-old |
| 10. unique | j. included |

Discussion – Student A

- What ancient things do you know about?
- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of time travel?
- Do you think people believe the boots are from Adidas?
- Would you like to go back or forward in time? Why?
- What can mummies teach us?
- What do you think of things that go viral online?
- Do you think the mummy could be a time traveller?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. gone | a. exists |
| 2. proof that time travel | b. alphabet |
| 3. in a remote part of | c. farmers |
| 4. three | d. viral |
| 5. a modern human who travelled back | e. Central Asia and Siberia |
| 6. local | f. deeper |
| 7. archaeologists started digging | g. stripes |
| 8. wooden | h. in time |
| 9. in a region between | i. western Mongolia |
| 10. a unique | j. bowls |

Discussion – Student B

- What part of the world is best to work as an archaeologist?
- How important is the job of an archaeologist?
- How interested are you in archaeology?
- What time would you like to go back to and why?
- Do you think time travel will be possible one day?
- What are the dangers of time travel?
- Why is a mummy called a mummy and not a daddy?
- What questions would you like to ask an archaeologist?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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| 6. d | 7. j | 8. f | 9. h | 10. b |

Role Play

Role A – 1966

You think 1966 is the best time to travel back to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these times (and why): 1990, 10,000 years ago or a million years ago.

Role B – 1900

You think 1900 is the best time to travel back to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these times (and why): 1966, 10,000 years ago or a million years ago.

Role C – 10,000 years ago

You think 10,000 years ago is the best time to travel back to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these times (and why): 1990, 1966 or a million years ago.

Role D – A million years ago

You think a million years ago is the best time to travel back to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these times (and why): 1990, 10,000 years ago or 1966.

Speaking – Back in time

Rank these with your partner. Put the best times to go back to at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • 1966 | • 2,000 years ago |
| • 1930 | • 10,000 years ago |
| • 1900 | • 100,000 years ago |
| • 1700 | • a million years ago |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.