



Horus falcon

# A mummy of a teenage girl found

A wooden coffin of a teenage girl has been found near Luxor in Egypt. It is 3,500 years old and though it doesn't belong to a pharaoh or any other royal, the mummy in it was decorated with precious jewelry. The archaeologists think the girl was 15 or 16 years old when she died and her body was covered with thin sheets. They could not tell who she was or why she died, but her jewelry was in perfect condition. There were copper-plated earrings, two rings made of bone and blue glass, four necklaces made of blue ceramic beads and one with ceramic and green glass beads. One of the necklaces was specially beautiful. It was made of 75 pieces of carved semi-precious stones such as amethyst, carnelian and amber with many amulets, including one of Horus, the Egyptian god of the sky.

The archaeologists think that the jewels are part of the girl's wedding accessories. Her grave is one among many exciting things, including a 4,000-year-old funeral complex, the team has found during their excavations.

## WORDS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

a mummy – en mumie  
a coffin – en kista  
though – fast, trots att  
to belong – att tillhöra  
decorated – smyckad  
precious – dyrbar  
jewellery – smycken, juveler

to cover – att täcka, svepa, omsluta  
in perfect condition – i utmärkt skick  
copper-plated – kopparpläterad  
a bead – en pärla  
a necklace – ett halsband  
carved – graverad  
a semi-precious stone – en halvädelsten

amethyst – ametist  
carnelian – karneol  
amber – bärnsten  
a wedding – bröllop  
exciting – spännande  
a funeral – en begravning  
an excavation – en utgrävning

*Read the text above and answer the questions below, please. Write your answers on the lines.*

1. How old is the coffin that the archaeologists found?

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2. What is so special about this mummy?

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3. What are the necklaces made of?

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Funeral in the Egyptian Book of the Dead