

1. Check the meaning of the words/phrases in the box. Then try to match them with the highlighted words in the reading. Be careful of their idiomatic meaning in context and their parts of speech.

1. release

2. mini microbe eggs

3. chaotic panic/excitement

4. revenge

5. well-known/significant

6. rage/extreme anger

7. burial chamber/room

8. dramatic publicity

2. Write T (True) or F (False) next to each statement.

a) The curse of the mummy began before the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb.

b) It was believed the mummy powder could cure people.

c) Lord Carnarvon was bitten by a cobra.

d) The curse seemed to target those who had entered the tomb.

e) Bacterial spores in the tomb may have caused people to become ill.

f) The myth of the curse has mostly been forgotten.