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### **Otzi the Iceman**

On the 19th of September 1991, two hikers **found** a body in the Austrian Italian Alps. They **were** walking over the East Ridge of the Fineilspitze and **discovered** a body lying face down with his legs **covered** in ice. The hikers initially **thought** it was a recently deceased man, however rescuers soon **realized** that it **was** a lot older than that. Later analysis **put** the body at 5300 years old; this **was** an amazingly **preserved** Neolithic man.

They **named** this body Otzi, after the part of the Alps he **came** from: The Oztal Alps.

Now he is actually Europe's oldest natural mummy, and he tells us an awful lot about what life was like in the Neolithic period.

But let's focus on who this man **was** and how he **died**.

Otzi **had** a coat leggings loincloth and shoes all made of different skins of leather; now *I'm not sure about you but I* can't really imagine wearing a leather loincloth just sounds uncomfortable sweaty and squeaky, but this **was** very typical dress for the time.

So Otzi **was** well **dressed** but the tools he **was** carrying tell us an awful lot more about him. He **had** a copper axe. He also **had** a shirt, knife blade, and he also **had** a quiver of 14 arrows. Now twelve of those arrows **were** unfinished, but two of them **were** finished with flint ends, but **were** broken, and to finish the whole thing off, he **had** an unfinished longbow as well.

So it looks like Otzi **was** *packing some serious weaponry*, and *what's more*, his broken arrows and the knife blade **had** other people's blood on them.

Now his skeleton **was** battered and worn; they think he **was** about 45 years old, *but even so*, his skeleton **was** just naked, suggesting he **had** a long, hard life of long walks, up and down the mountain, making him likely a mountain Shepherd.

In fact, looking at his body in more detail, they **found** bruises and cuts on his hands and chest. One of the cuts on his thumb was so deep it **went** down to the bone. Further analysis **found** a flint arrow **buried** deep in his left shoulder.

Digging deeper, they then **found** the entry wound within his soft tissue, and they **found** a cut in his leather jacket, *which all lined up*, suggesting he was shot by an arrow. There was no arrow shaft, which suggests that someone **took** it out. This was *the smoking gun*; his cause of death was being **shot** in the left shoulder by an arrow, which was then later **removed**, and he **died** of blood loss.

Looking at the evidence -like his skeleton, the blood on his knife, the blood on the arrows, and the cause of death- *it paints a picture* of a very hard life, with a brutal, violent ending. *We can only infer* but it looks like Otzi was **involved** in a big fight. Maybe he shot those two arrows at people and **killed** them, and later **went** to retrieve them; that's why they're covered in blood and the shafts **were** broken. Then he got up close to someone, cutting them and possibly killing them. *All ended as Otzi got shot* in the back by an arrow.

The arrow that **killed** Otzi was **removed** before his death. It's very difficult to take an arrow out of your back yourself, this might suggest why we **found** him *lying face down* in the ice. *The idea goes* that Otzi **had** somebody with him, and when he **got shot**, they **laid** him down face down and they **pulled** the arrow out of his back, only for Otzi to bleed to death on the mountainside.

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### **Match up the phrases with their meanings**

*I'm not sure about you but....  
Otzi was packing some serious weaponry...  
What's more...  
mention...  
but even so...  
sense.  
which all lined up...  
you think, but I think...  
the smoking gun...  
idea...  
it paints a picture...  
We can only infer...  
All ended as...  
weapons...  
Lying face down...  
evidence  
The idea goes...  
that...*

*We cannot be certain...  
Lying down, facing the ground...  
Another thing to  
  
Everything made  
  
I don't know what  
  
This gives us a good  
  
At the end...  
That being said...  
He had powerful  
  
A piece of strong  
  
The theory is*

Which paragraph is written in the **present tense**? \_\_\_\_\_

**Past tense verb  
tense verb**

**Present**

found	
were	
discovered	
covered	
thought	
realized	
was	
put	
preserved	
named	
came	
died	
had	
dressed	
had	
went	
buried	
lined	
took	
shot	
removed	
involved	
killed	
got	
Shot	
laid	