

Resource 8

Teacher in role - script

You could follow this suggested script closely or read it through and create your own bullet points of information and questions for the children and then improvise this scene.

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining this exciting excavation on behalf of the Egyptian government. The excavation will be led by Howard Carter, the British archaeologist who has much experience of excavations here in Egypt and elsewhere.

As you will know Carter has attempted to find the tomb of a great pharaoh on this site before, but the war of 1914 to 1918 stopped the dig. Today we will commence work alongside Carter's team to begin the excavation again. Lord Carnarvon has once again agreed to provide money for one last search. But he is clear that this is the last opportunity he will fund here in The Valley of the Kings.

The other tombs that have been discovered in The Valley of the Kings - all 61 - are extraordinary. But, as you know, most were robbed many hundreds of years ago so only the buildings remain. But I am sure there is another tomb out there - one that still holds all its mysteries and riches. An undiscovered tomb of a great pharaoh!

You are the very best archaeologists Egypt has. Those with the skills we need for such a dig. With passion, drive, curiosity - and a real understanding of our ancient ancestors.

Ask questions of the team of archaeologists:

- *Why made you want to join this excavation?*
- *What particular skills do you have? Who here is particularly good at: digging objects from the earth without damaging them? Drawing detailed maps of a tomb? Precise drawing of artefacts? Identifying, labelling and categorising? Carefully wrapping artefacts?*
- *What first made you want to become an archaeologist?*
- *I know many of you have particular expertise in canopic jars, amulets, the Book of the Dead and shabtis. Can we hear from some of you about what we might find if we discover a tomb of a great pharaoh?*
- *What are you curious to discover? What questions do you have? Do you have any concerns?*

Finish the meeting:

We know we have only a short time. We will need patience, focus and determination to find the tomb - if it exists. If we do find a tomb intact - one that hasn't been robbed - there will be unimaginable treasures of great monetary value. But so much more valuable to us in our profession, the details of our great Egyptian heritage that will be added to human knowledge and understanding!