

N2K Week 3 Lesson 1

Did He Mummify Himself?

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(1) There are plenty of Buddha statues out there, but how many of them have a 1,000-year-old mummy inside? (2) Dutch researchers recently conducted CT scans to shed more light on the identity of the meditating mummy found in a statue in the Netherlands. (3) They believe the mummy is that of a Buddhist monk named Liuquan, who lived in China 1,000 years ago. (4) Even more amazing: He might have mummified himself! (5) Self-mummification was practiced by some Buddhist monks in 10th-century Asia; the monks believed they'd reach enlightenment by meditating to death, literally. (6) They followed a strict diet of seeds tree bark and poisonous tea that made them die a slow death. (7) After a few years, they were entombed, breathing through a small tube and ringing a bell to signal they were still alive. (8) A thousand days after the ringing stops, the tomb was opened to make sure they were mummified. (9) Such a sacrifice made these monks highly revered in Buddhism, a religion still practiced by about 500 million people worldwide. (10) As for liuquan, his mummy was likely placed in a Buddhist temple and worshiped before being enclosed in the statute in the 14th century.

1. How should sentence 10 be changed?
 - A. remove the comma before his
 - B. change Buddhist to buddhist
 - C. change liuquan to Liuquan
 - D. no change is needed

2. What is the best way to revise sentence 6 for clarity?
 - A. They followed a strict diet of seeds, tree bark, and poisonous tea that made them die a slow death.
 - B. They followed a strict diet of seeds, tree, bark, and poisonous tea that made them die a slow death.
 - C. They followed a strict diet of seeds, tree-bark, and poisonous tea that made them die a slow death.
 - D. No change is needed.

3. What change is needed in sentence 7?
- A. Change breathing to breatheing
 - B. Change were to was
 - C. Change entomed to entombed
 - D. Change alive to a live
4. In sentence 7, what does the word *revered* mean?
- A. afraid of
 - B. protected
 - C. respected
 - D. disliked
5. What change should be made in sentence 4?
- A. Even more amazing, he mummified himself!
 - B. Even more amazing! He mummified himself.
 - C. Even more amazing-he mummified himself.
 - D. No change is needed.

