English for PS, Sek I and Sek II

**Cultural Phenomena**

Burials (25)

15:00 minutes

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| **1. Which professional prepares the dead for the funeral?** An undertaker **2. At what temperature are bodies cremated at the crematorium?** 800 degrees Celsius **3. Prehistoric tombs reveal a lot about everyday life at that time.****Why?** Families of the deceased put foodstuffs, jewellery and weapons into tombs. These objects enable us to visualise everyday life then. **4. Describe how Hindus part from their dead.** Dead bodies are burnt and their ashes scattered over rivers. **5. How do funeral rites distinguish themselves between Muslims,** **Jews and Christians?** Muslims and Jews bury their dead in graves facing the east, that is Mecca or Jerusalem. In Islam the deceased must be buried within 24 hours. Before that, bodies are wrapped into cotton cloths. **6. Why is the percentage in cremations much higher in Zurich than****in the rest of the country?** (Individual answers; e.g. rural/urban differences) **7. How would you like to be buried?** (Individual answers) **8. From your grandparents or other people of their generation, find** **out what used to be traditional funeral rites.** (Individual answers) **9. Visit a cemetery near where you live. Read the inscriptions on** **the tomb stones. Note down those you like and which touch you.** (Individual answers) **10. Tell your classmates what you noticed in cemeteries abroad.** (Individual answers) |