

EXERCISE 7

Using Semicolons and Commas

Write a paragraph using the following information, inserting semicolons and commas as needed.

1. In September 1991, two hikers saw the head and shoulders of a dead man protruding through the ice of the Italian Alps and they assumed that the man was just another Alpine accident victim.
2. Rescue workers were summoned they used jackhammers to extricate the man's body and his possessions from the ice.
3. But then an archaeologist saw the copper ax found beside the corpse he realized that the body was actually a spectacular archaeological discovery.
4. The snow and ice had naturally mummified the corpse and it had been frozen there on the mountain for about 5,300 years.
5. The Iceman was a well-preserved specimen of a Neolithic human his remains were the oldest human flesh ever found.
6. During the Neolithic period, metal tools had begun to replace stone tools consequently the Iceman carried both a flint dagger and a copper ax.
7. X-rays and examinations of the Iceman's body showed that he had been about forty years old when he died he had been killed by an arrow shot into his back.
8. He had also suffered other wounds for example his hand had been deeply cut and several of his ribs had been broken.
9. Archaeologists surmised that he may have been in a battle he fled the scene after being wounded.
10. In spite of his injuries he had begun ascending the mountain.
11. His broken ribs would have made climbing difficult so he must have thought he'd find safety at higher elevations.
12. The clothing, tools, and weapons found with the Iceman were also interesting for very few Neolithic artifacts have survived.