

# Read and Discover

## Initials and Abbreviations

### Lesson 43

Our class invited Dr. Nick L. Tucker, an archaeologist, to visit us. Our teacher, Mrs. Willis, made the arrangements. She posted a sign that said: "Mon., Feb. 21—2:30 p.m.—Dr. Tucker."

Underline a short way to write *Doctor*. Draw a square around a short way to write *Mistress*. Circle short ways to write *Monday* and *February*. Underline a letter that stands for a name.

An **abbreviation** is a shortened form of a word. **Titles of respect** are usually abbreviated. So are words in **addresses** like *Street (St.)*, *Avenue (Ave.)*, and *Boulevard (Blvd.)*. **Days**, some **months**, and parts of **business names** (*Co. for Company*) are often abbreviated in informal notes. Abbreviations usually begin with a capital letter and end with a period. An **initial** can replace a person's or a place's name. It is written as a capital letter followed by a period.

See Handbook Section 2

### Part 1

Circle each lowercase letter that should be a capital letter. Draw a line through each capital letter that should be a lowercase letter. Add periods where they are needed. (1–14)

Dr. Nick L. Tucker spoke about ancient Egypt and about the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb. King Tut was an Egyptian pharaoh who died at the age of 18 or 19. His Tomb lay hidden for more than 3,000 years in Egypt's Valley of the Kings.



King Tut ruled Egypt 3,000 years ago.

The tomb was first discovered by Dr. Howard Carter, an Egyptologist, and a British nobleman named Lord Carnarvon. These two explorers discovered the tomb on November 26, 1922.

The discovery of King Tut's tomb astonished the world. Our History teacher, Mr. Kale, told us that thousands of artifacts were found. Mr. Kale said that it took archaeologists ten years to remove them. Many items were crafted of solid gold, alabaster, or a deep blue stone called lapis lazuli.

Dr. Tucker brought photographs from his office on Baker Blvd. Some showed golden shrines, King Tut's throne, and two life-sized statues of the Boy king.

Dr. Tucker is helping us prepare our own display about King Tut. Our project will be shown in April at the library on Drake St. The Cecil B. Grant Corp. is helping to fund our project.