## The Ötzi Story

1 New and unfamiliar words: match the words/phrases below with their meanings.

Word/Phrase			Meaning
archaeology	0	О	The available facts or information that allow you to reach a decision or conclusion
glacier	0	О	Brown material consisting of partly decomposed vegetables, found in acidic and boggy areas and used for fuel
midden	0	О	The study of the remains of human culture through excavation
peat	О	О	A refuse heap, a heap of food remains
conclusion	0	О	One piece of evidence seems to lead to a different conclusion from another
evidence	О	0	Slow-moving river of ice
contradictory evidence	О	О	A decision reached by reasoning

## Ötzi was wearing an intriguing collection of clothing.



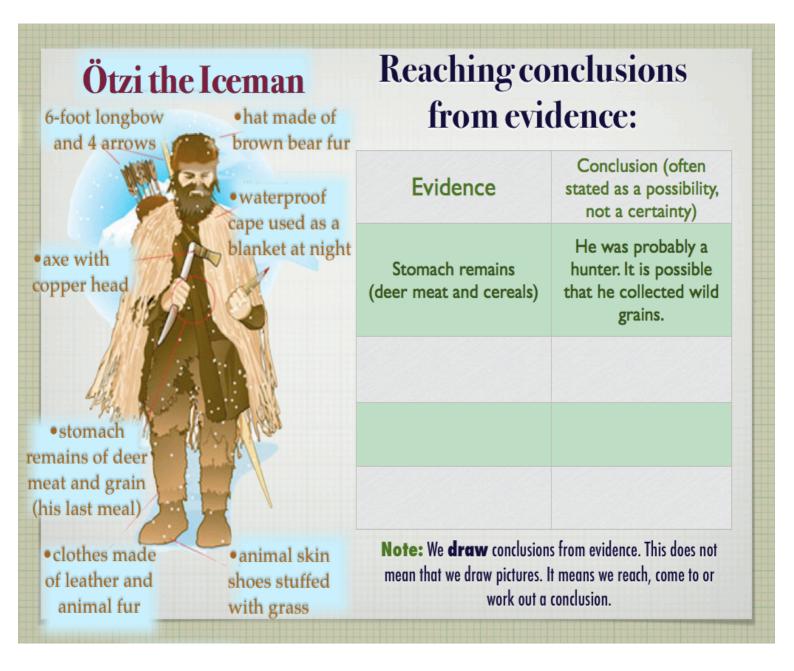
- •This included a grass cloak, specially made shoes that allowed him to walk in the Alps and a knee-length garment made of tanned goat leather.
- •The shoes are particularly interesting because they were made of bear leather (sole) and deer leather (upper) and were carefully lined to protect Ötzi's feet from the cold.
- •Ötzi was carrying some beautifully crafted tools, including the only perfectly preserved prehistoric axe ever found. While the axe was made of copper, his dagger was made of flint.

- 2 Highlight words that suggest Ötzi and his people were:
- •skillful
- ·well-adapted to their environment
- able to work metal
- •still using stone
- possibly herders
- possibly hunters

## Phrases you can use to show you think something is likely to be true, but you cannot be certain:

- It is possible that...
- He/she might have been...
- The evidence suggests that...
- Perhaps...
- It is conceivable that...
- A possible conclusion is that...
- It is hard to be certain whether...
- It is possible/likely/probable/highly probable that...
- This could indicate that...
- One interpretation of the evidence is that...

3 Circle, highlight or underline the words in each phrase that suggest possibility and probability rather than certainty.



4 Write a short paragraph in your workbook about Ötzi, basing your text on the evidence presented on this handout. Use the following sentence starters or some of your own:

- Ötzi's varied clothing suggests that...
- The contents of Ötzi's stomach indicate that...
- It seems likely that Ötzi and his people were skilled in...
- The variety of tools that Ötzi was carrying shows that...
- It is probable that Ötzi and his people were still gaining food through...
- It is possible/probable that...
- Ötzi's shoes provide evidence that...