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## **Level 1**

### **Couple finds \$10 million of coins in garden**

**28th February, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140228-gold-coins-1.html>

A California couple got a big surprise last year while walking in the garden. They found 1,427 gold coins under a tree. The coins are worth \$10 million. They are all in perfect condition. They are almost 200 years old. Some of them are rare and could be worth \$1 million. The couple saw some cans sticking out from the ground. They dug down and were shocked. The woman said: "It was like finding a wonderful hot potato."

The couple said they would keep some coins and sell the others. They will give some money to charity and use some on their house. The woman said: "Whatever answers you seek, they might be right at home. The answer to our difficulties was right there under our feet." A coin expert said the coins were real. He said: "I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle...a treasure like this. Ever."

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1217412/couple-find-gold-coins-worth-10m-in-back-yard>  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-gold-coins-california-backyard-20140225,0,2401817.story#ixzz2uPQjSK7W>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140228-gold-coins-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A California            | a. \$1 million     |
| 2. got a big               | b. from the ground |
| 3. They are all in perfect | c. surprise        |
| 4. Some of them            | d. potato          |
| 5. could be worth          | e. condition       |
| 6. sticking out            | f. couple          |
| 7. They dug down and were  | g. are rare        |
| 8. a wonderful hot         | h. shocked         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The couple said they would | a. lifetime         |
| 2. sell the                   | b. our difficulties |
| 3. give some money            | c. others           |
| 4. The answer to              | d. our feet         |
| 5. right there under          | e. keep some coins  |
| 6. A coin                     | f. treasure         |
| 7. once-in-a-                 | g. to charity       |
| 8. an opportunity to handle a | h. expert           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A California couple (1) \_\_\_\_\_ last year while (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They found 1,427 gold coins under a tree. The coins are worth \$10 million. They are all (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They are almost 200 years old. Some of them are rare and could (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The couple saw some cans (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground. They dug down and were shocked. The woman said: "It was like finding a (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The couple said they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ coins and sell the others. They will give some (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and use some on their house. The woman said: "Whatever answers you seek, they might (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The answer to our difficulties was right there under our feet." (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the coins were real. He said: "I don't like to say (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle... (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Ever."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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