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Level 2

Couple finds \$10 million of coins in garden

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THE READING

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A California couple got a huge surprise last year while walking their dog in their garden. They found 1,427 gold coins under a tree. The coins are worth over \$10 million. They are all in perfect condition. The coins are almost 200 years old. Some of them are very rare and could be worth \$1 million each. The couple said they saw some rusty cans sticking out from the ground. When they dug down, they were shocked at what they found. The woman said: "It was like finding a wonderful hot potato. I never would have thought we would have found something like this."

The couple said they would keep some of the coins and sell the others online. They will donate some money to charity and use some on their house. The woman had some advice: "Whatever answers you seek, they might be right at home. The answer to our difficulties was right there under our feet." She said to never be afraid to look inside a rusty can. A coin expert said the coins were genuine. He was very excited and said: "I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, 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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A California couple got | a. under a tree |
| 2. while | b. hot potato |
| 3. They found 1,427 gold coins | c. are very rare |
| 4. They are all in | d. a huge surprise |
| 5. Some of them | e. from the ground |
| 6. could be worth | f. walking their dog |
| 7. sticking out | g. \$1 million each |
| 8. a wonderful | h. perfect condition |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. they would keep | a. money to charity |
| 2. sell the | b. a rusty can |
| 3. donate some | c. lifetime |
| 4. The answer to our difficulties | d. some of the coins |
| 5. look inside | e. kind of material |
| 6. A coin expert said the coins | f. was right there |
| 7. once-in-a- | g. others online |
| 8. an opportunity to handle this | h. were genuine |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A California couple (1) _____ last year while walking their (2) _____. They found 1,427 gold coins under a tree. The (3) _____ \$10 million. They are all in perfect condition. The coins are almost 200 years old. Some of them (4) _____ could be worth \$1 million each. The couple said they saw some rusty cans sticking out from the ground. (5) _____, they were shocked at what they found. The woman said: "It was like finding a wonderful hot potato. I never (6) _____ we would have found something like this."

The couple said they would (7) _____ coins and sell the others online. They will donate (8) _____ and use some on their house. The woman had some advice: "Whatever answers you seek, they might (9) _____. The answer to our difficulties was right there under our feet." She said to never be afraid to look (10) _____. A coin expert said the coins were genuine. He was very excited and said: "I don't like to say (11) _____ for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle (12) _____, a treasure like this. 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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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

a)

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