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Level 2 – 15th December, 2020

Metal detecting finds ancient treasure in U.K.

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The British Museum has reported record levels of historical discoveries. People found more than 47,000 objects with metal detectors. Many people go out in the countryside to try and find old coins and other treasure. More people have been metal detecting because of the coronavirus. Metal detecting is a hobby where social distancing is easy. People have been recording their discoveries on an app on the museum's website. The U.K. Culture Minister said: "It is brilliant to see the [app] growing from strength to strength during lockdown thanks to garden discoveries and digital reporting."

The museum said people have found many exciting things. Perhaps the best find among the new discoveries are coins. One of the finds contained 50 South African solid gold coins northwest of London. Another find contained gold coins and one silver coin with the faces of British kings. Experts say these coins were buried in the 16th century. Another find was from ancient Roman furniture. It had the face of the god Oceanus on it and dates to AD 43-200. The museum said the app, "ensure finds, important for understanding Britain's past, are not lost but instead recorded".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/lockdown-garden-archaeology-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The British Museum has reported | a. website |
| 2. go out in | b. record levels |
| 3. old coins and other | c. reporting |
| 4. social | d. treasure |
| 5. an app on the museum's | e. to strength |
| 6. It is brilliant | f. distancing |
| 7. growing from strength | g. the countryside |
| 8. digital | h. to see |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. people have found many | a. British kings |
| 2. the best find among the new | b. Britain's past |
| 3. solid gold | c. discoveries |
| 4. the faces of | d. in the 16th century |
| 5. these coins were buried | e. exciting things |
| 6. ancient Roman | f. AD 43-200 |
| 7. dates to | g. coins |
| 8. important for understanding | h. furniture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The British Museum has reported (1) _____ historical discoveries. People found more than 47,000 objects with metal detectors. Many people (2) _____ the countryside to try and find old coins (3) _____. More people have been metal detecting because of the coronavirus. Metal detecting is (4) _____ social distancing is easy. People have been (5) _____ on an app on the museum's website. The U.K. Culture Minister said: "It is brilliant to see the [app] growing from (6) _____ during lockdown thanks to garden discoveries and digital reporting."

The museum said people have found many exciting things. Perhaps the (7) _____ the new discoveries are coins. One of the finds contained 50 South African (8) _____ northwest of London. Another find contained gold coins and one silver coin with (9) _____ British kings. Experts say these coins were (10) _____ 16th century. Another find was from ancient Roman furniture. It had the face of the god Oceanus on it (11) _____ AD 43-200. The museum said the app, "ensure finds, important for understanding Britain's past, are not (12) _____ recorded".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREASURE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about treasure in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

