

Beginner's luck for man who found Norwegian gold

A Norwegian man who found a new hobby discovered something much more than that. After his doctor told him to get out more, 51-year-old Erland Bore considered hiking. On one expedition around the countryside, the beginner took his new metal finding device. By the end of the day, he had made the biggest gold discovery of the century in Norway.

The find was 22 golden objects in total, weighing around 100 grams. At first sight Bore thought it was just chocolate coins dropped in the dirt. But as he began to dig deeper in the spot he found rings, parts of a necklace, and other pieces.

The collection dates back to approximately the fifth and sixth centuries. This was a period when there was no Roman control over Western Europe and so societies travelled more. The items likely belonged to powerful people.

Norwegian law says that anything found that is older than 1537 is state property. So while Bore may have found the ancient jewellery on private farmland, the plan is to put it on show in a museum. There is some good news for Erland Bore however. He can expect to get a finder's fee, which will be split equally between himself and the owner of the land.

Warm-up activities and scan reading

Activities:

Name three things that are made from gold.

Walking in the countryside or jogging in the city – which is better exercise and why?

As a group, each person name one item they would put in a time capsule. Write down the total contents of the time capsule.

Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

Paragraph 1

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| A. found | d... |
| B. journey | e... |
| C. environment | c... |

Paragraph 2

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| D. money | c... |
| E. ground | d... |

Paragraph 3

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| F. time | p... |
| G. strong | p... |

Paragraph 4

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| H. government | s... |
| I. hope | e... |
| J. the same | e... |

Reading comprehension match-up

1. A Norwegian man who found a new hobby...
 2. After his doctor told him to get out more, 51-year-old...
 3. On one expedition around the countryside, the...
 4. By the end of the day, he had made...
 5. The find was 22 golden objects in total, weighing...
 6. At first sight Bore thought it was just...
 7. But as he began to dig deeper in the spot...
 8. The collection dates back to...
 9. This was a period when there was no Roman control...
 10. The items likely belonged...
 11. Norwegian law says that anything found...
 12. So while Bore may have found the ancient jewellery on...
 13. There is some good news...
 14. He can expect to get a finder's fee, which will be split...
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- A. ...around 100 grams.
 - B. ...beginner took his new metal finding device.
 - C. ...that is older than 1537 is state property.
 - D. ...discovered something much more than that.
 - E. ...chocolate coins dropped in the dirt.
 - F. ...to powerful people.
 - G. ...for Erland Bore however.
 - H. ...the biggest gold discovery of the century in Norway.
 - I. ...approximately the fifth and sixth centuries.
 - J. ...equally between himself and the owner of the land.
 - K. ...private farmland, the plan is to put it on show in a museum.
 - L. ...Erland Bore considered hiking.
 - M. ...over Western Europe and so societies travelled more.
 - N. ...he found rings, parts of a necklace, and other pieces

Listening exercises

1. Keyword pairs. Choose the word you hear. Words 1-10 are in order in the audio.

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| 1. A. detective / B. considered | 6. A. spot / B. act |
| 2. A. countryside / B. conclusion | 7. A. approximately / B. historically |
| 3. A. discovery / B. director | 8. A. portrait / B. period |
| 4. A. weighing / B. remain | 9. A. property / B. present |
| 5. A. excitement / B. sight | 10. A. expect / B. expert |

2. Listening cloze. Each gap is missing three words.

The find was 22 golden 1. _____, weighing around 100 grams. At first sight Bore thought it was 2. _____ dropped in the dirt. But as he began to dig deeper in the spot he found rings, parts 3. _____, and other pieces.

3. Dictation. Write the words you hear. Each word is read twice in the audio.

1. _____ nebirgen
2. _____ inco
3. _____ sruiondcy et
4. _____ sorvyiced
5. _____ ulaqely
6. _____ lcaecenk
7. _____ ridpoe
8. _____ feprwulo
9. _____ tepyrpor
10. _____ iwgeh

Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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| 1. dates | A. on show |
| 2. get out | B. sight |
| 3. state | C. equally |
| 4. chocolate | D. the century |
| 5. split | E. objects |
| 6. put it | F. back to |
| 7. in | G. more |
| 8. at first | H. total |
| 9. discovery of | I. coins |
| 10. golden | J. property |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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| 1. approximately | A. share |
| 2. coin | B. think about |
| 3. consider | C. money |
| 4. spot | D. place |
| 5. split | E. about |

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. powerful | A. exact |
| 2. approximate | B. weak |
| 3. private | C. public |

Grammar pairs cloze: no articles after prepositions

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| 1. A. on / B. than | 6. A. to / B. for |
| 2. A. by / B. in | 7. A. at / B. on |
| 3. A. in / B. than | 8. A. on / B. off |
| 4. A. To / B. At | 9. A. for / B. to |
| 5. A. about / B. over | 10. A. under / B. between |

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The find was 22 golden objects 3._____ total, weighing around 100 grams. 4._____ first sight Bore thought it was just chocolate coins dropped in the dirt. But as he began to dig deeper in the spot he found rings, parts of a necklace, and other pieces.

The collection dates back to approximately the fifth and sixth centuries. This was a period when there was no Roman control 5._____ Western Europe and so societies travelled more. The items likely belonged 6._____ powerful people.

Norwegian law says that anything found that is older than 1537 is state property. So while Bore may have found the ancient jewellery 7._____ private farmland, the plan is to put it 8._____ show in a museum. There is some good news 9._____ Erland Bore however. He can expect to get a finder's fee, which will be split equally 10._____ himself and the owner of the land.

Vocabulary gap-fill cloze

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| A. discovery | F. beginner |
| B. countryside | G. property |
| C. powerful | H. weighing |
| D. necklace | I. equally |
| E. coins | J. period |

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The find was 22 golden objects in total, 4._____ around 100 grams. At first sight Bore thought it was just chocolate 5._____ dropped in the dirt. But as he began to dig deeper in the spot he found rings, parts of a 6._____, and other pieces.

The collection dates back to approximately the fifth and sixth centuries. This was a 7._____ when there was no Roman control over Western Europe and so societies travelled more. The items likely belonged to 8._____ people.

Norwegian law says that anything found that is older than 1537 is state 9._____. So while Bore may have found the ancient jewellery on private farmland, the plan is to put it on show in a museum. There is some good news for Erland Bore however. He can expect to get a finder's fee, which will be split 10._____ between himself and the owner of the land.

Writing cloze

Spell the words 1-15 correctly. The first letters of 1-15 are the correct starting letters.

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| 1. crdsoednie | 6. stghi | 11.pridoe |
| 2. csruiondyet | 7. cniso | 12.pferwulo |
| 3. bneirgen | 8. stpo | 13.ptepyror |
| 4. dsorvyice | 9. nlcaecek | 14.etxepc |
| 5. wingigeh | 10.aytilrmoxpaep | 15.eulaqly |

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1._____ hiking. On one expedition around the 2._____, the 3._____ took his new metal finding device. By the end of the day, he had made the biggest gold 4._____ of the century in Norway.

The find was 22 golden objects in total, 5._____ around 100 grams. At first 6._____ Bore thought it was just chocolate 7._____ dropped in the dirt. But as he began to dig deeper in the 8._____ he found rings, parts of a 9._____, and other pieces.

The collection dates back to 10._____ the fifth and sixth centuries. This was a 11._____ when there was no Roman control over Western Europe and so societies travelled more. The items likely belonged to 12._____ people.

Norwegian law says that anything found that is older than 1537 is state 13._____. So while Bore may have found the ancient jewellery on private farmland, the plan is to put it on show in a museum. There is some good news for Erland Bore however. He can 14._____ to get a finder's fee, which will be split 15._____ between himself and the owner of the land.

Fill in last letters

_ Norwegian ma_ wh_ foun_ _ ne_ hobb_ discovere_ somethin_ muc_ mor_
tha_ tha_. Afte_ hi_ docto_ tol_ hi_ t_ ge_ ou_ mor_, 51-yea_-ol_ Erland
Bore considere_ hikin_. O_ on_ expeditio_ aroun_ th_ countrysid_, th_
beginne_ too_ hi_ ne_ meta_ findin_ devic_. B_ th_ en_ o_ th_ da_, h_ ha_
mad_ th_ bigges_ gol_ discover_ o_ th_ centur_ i_ Norway.

Th_ fin_ wa_ 22 golde_ object_ i_ tota_, weighin_ aroun_ 100 gram_. A_
firs_ sigh_ Bore though_ i_ wa_ jus_ chocolat_ coin_ droppe_ i_ th_ dir_.
Bu_ a_ h_ bega_ t_ di_ deepe_ i_ th_ spo_ h_ foun_ ring_, part_ o_ _
necklac_, an_ othe_ piece_.

Th_ collectio_ date_ bac_ t_ approximatel_ th_ fift_ an_ sixt_ centurie_. Thi_
wa_ _ perio_ whe_ ther_ wa_ n_ Roman contro_ ove_ Western Europe an_
s_ societie_ travelle_ mor_. Th_ item_ likel_ belonge_ t_ powerfu_ peopl_.

Norwegian la_ say_ tha_ anythin_ foun_ tha_ i_ olde_ tha_ 1537 i_ stat_
propert_. S_ whil_ Bore ma_ hav_ foun_ th_ ancien_ jeweller_ o_ privat_
farmlan_, th_ pla_ i_ t_ pu_ i_ o_ sho_ i_ _ museu_. Ther_ i_ som_ goo_
new_ fo_ Erland Bore howeve_. H_ ca_ expec_ t_ ge_ _ finder'_ fe_, whic_
wil_ b_ spli_ equall_ betwee_ himsel_ an_ th_ owne_ o_ th_ lan_.

Cool-down discussion, game, and keywords

Discussion questions:

- What recreational activities are there to do in the countryside?
- What is the best museum you've ever visited and why?
- What objects do people usually lose?
- What does the phrase "finders keepers, losers weepers" mean?
- Where can we keep our belongings when we are walking?

CEFR B1 10 lesson keywords:

Used in this lesson as an adverb (adv), adjective (adj), noun (n), or verb (v).

beginner (n), coin (n), countryside (n), discovery (n), equally (adv), necklace (n),
period (n), powerful (adj), property (n), weigh (v)

Language game:

See how many words can you make from the letters in *discovery*. Write them below.

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities and vocabulary

A. discovered, B. expedition, C. countryside, D. coins, E. dirt, F. period, G. powerful, H. state, I. expect, J. equally

Page 3 Reading comprehension match-up

1D, 2L, 3B, 4H, 5A, 6E, 7N, 8I, 9M, 10F, 11C, 12K, 13G, 14J

Page 4 Listening exercises

Keyword pairs: 1B, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5B, 6A, 7A, 8B, 9A, 10A

Listening cloze: 1. objects in total, 2. just chocolate coins, 3. of a necklace

Dictation: 1. beginner, 2. coin, 3. countryside, 4. discovery, 5. equally, 6. necklace, 7. period, 8. powerful, 9. property, 10. weigh

Page 5 Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Phrases 1F, 2G, 3J, 4I, 5C, 6A, 7H, 8B, 9D, 10E

Synonyms 1E, 2C, 3B, 4D, 5A

Antonyms 1B, 2A, 3C

Page 6 Grammar pairs cloze: no articles after prepositions

1B, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5B, 6A, 7A, 8A, 9A, 10B

Page 7 Vocabulary gap-fill cloze

1B, 2F, 3A, 4H, 5E, 6D, 7J, 8C, 9G, 10I

Page 8 Writing cloze

1. considered, 2. countryside, 3. beginner, 4. discovery, 5. weighing, 6. sight, 7. coins, 8. spot, 9. necklace, 10. approximately, 11. period, 12. powerful, 13. property, 14. expect, 15. equally

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