

B1 Spelling

Beginner's luck for man who found Norwegian gold

Fill in the missing 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_.

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Answers

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.

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