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READING: Thieves Steal Giant Gold Coin

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|-------------------|----------|---|
| 1. coin | <u>E</u> | A. a small bag used to carry money |
| 2. metal | _____ | B. for example: gold, silver, iron, etc. |
| 3. pocket | _____ | C. not mixed with other things |
| 4. purse | _____ | D. a tool used to climb up something |
| 5. pure | _____ | E. for example: a penny, a nickel, a dime |
| 6. thief | _____ | F. a person who protects something (like money) |
| 7. ladder | _____ | G. a person who steals something |
| 8. security guard | _____ | H. a small bag inside of a piece of clothing |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use the plural form (-s) when necessary.

1. Some thieves stole a painting from the museum.
2. I have two _____ in my jacket.
3. Do you have any _____ for the pay phone in the hotel lobby?
4. My uncle works in a bank. He is a _____.
5. I want to pick some apples from our tree. I need a _____.
6. This orange juice is _____. It has no sugar or water.
7. Many things are made from _____, like coins and knives.
8. I don't have any money for lunch because I forgot to bring my _____.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Topics: Crime / Money

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Coins¹ are a kind of money that are made from **metal**². You probably have a few of them right now, in your **pocket**³ or **purse**⁴. Usually, they are small and you can't buy very much with them. The Canadian coin (called the "Big Maple Leaf") in the above picture, however, is very large. It is 53 centimeters (21 inches) wide and weighs about 100 kilograms (221 pounds). You can also buy a lot with it because it is made from **pure**⁵ gold. It is a one-million-dollar coin that was made in 2007. On March 27, 2017, **thieves**⁶ stole the coin from a museum in Germany. "The coin was stolen last night, it's gone," said Markus Farr, who works at the museum. How did the thieves steal the gold coin? They waited until the museum was closed, and then they used a **ladder**⁷ and broke a window at the back of the museum to get inside. There were **security guards**⁸ at the museum, but the thieves were still able to steal the coin that was inside a glass box. A few months later, in July, German police found and caught the four people who stole the coin. They were all between the ages of 18 and 20 years old. However, they did not find the coin.

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Grammar Practice

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1.

- (A) you're
- (B) your
- (C) yours

2.

- (A) haven't
- (B) aren't
- (C) can't

3.

- (A) large
- (B) larger
- (C) largest

4.

- (A) buy
- (B) bought
- (C) buying

5.

- (A) at
- (B) on
- (C) in

6.

- (A) At
- (B) On
- (C) In

7.

- (A) stole
- (B) steal
- (C) steals

8.

- (A) does
- (B) do
- (C) did

9.

- (A) them
- (B) their
- (C) they

10.

- (A) was
- (B) were
- (C) is

11.

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the

12.

- (A) Their
- (B) They
- (C) They're

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The coin was made in Canada.
2. _____ The coin is 21 centimeters wide.
3. _____ The coin was in a German museum.
4. _____ Thieves stole the coin at night.
5. _____ Thieves used a door behind the museum to get inside.
6. _____ Police could not find two of the thieves.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you think it's a good idea to make giant coins? Why? / Why not?
2. The security guards didn't stop the thieves. Why not?
3. What do you think happened to the coin?

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "Thieves Steal Giant Gold Coin"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes Past Simple and Passives)

Vocabulary 214 words
A1 words-73% / **A2** words-8% / **B1** words-9%
AWL Words in this text: *security*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

Level Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

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My Notes



● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|--------------------|
| 1. E | 1. thie ves |
| 2. B | 2. pocket s |
| 3. H | 3. coin s |
| 4. A | 4. security guard |
| 5. C | 5. ladder |
| 6. G | 6. pure |
| 7. D | 7. metal |
| 8. F | 8. purse |

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ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **Grammar (Article)**

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A |
| 2. C | 8. C |
| 3. A | 9. C |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. C | 11. A |
| 6. B | 12. B |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. T
2. F (*It is 53 centimeters / 21 inches wide.*)
3. T
4. T
5. F (*They got in through a window.*)
6. F (*The article does not say this.*)

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