

GOLD RUSH

I. Fill in the blanks:

colony	news	convict	circulating	population
stories	rumours	feared	spread	flecks

The first _____ about gold finds near Bathurst began _____ in the _____ in 1823 when James O'Brien found tiny _____ of gold in the Fish River.

Governor Thomas Brisbane kept this _____ from the general _____ because he _____ that there would be a _____ revolt.

II. Match:

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| 1. revolt | • | • | a. a story, that people talk about, but that may not be true |
| 2. colony | • | • | b. a very small piece of something |
| 3. fear | • | • | c. to be frightened of |
| 4. tiny | • | • | d. uprising |
| 5. rumour | • | • | e. very small |
| 6. convict | • | • | f. prisoner |
| 7. precious | • | • | g. very valuable; much loved |
| 8. fleck | • | • | h. A group of people in one place who are ruled by another country. |

III. Make sentences

You will choose 3 words in the list and make a sentence with them. You will make **3 sentences** and the words can be used again in the new sentence.

metal	found	spread	rumour
flecks	gold	jewellery	precious

Example: James O'Brien **found** tiny **flecks** of **gold** in the Fish River.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

IV. In your opinion, what would happen if the rumours about gold finds spread out in the general population?

- *What would some people do if they heard about the rumours?*
- *How would life of the local inhabitants change?*
