

## Think and learn

1 What are they made of? Look and write.

wood leather animal bone stone **grass** glass beads



**grass**



2 Look and read about another material. Write **t** (true), **f** (false) or **ds** (doesn't say).

# WHAT IS GOLD?

Gold is an expensive metal. If you are very lucky, you could find a small piece in a stream or even in your garden, but most gold is deep under the earth. You need to use special machines to dig it out. This is difficult and is one of the reasons why gold is so expensive. Gold is also expensive because it's very rare – that means there is not a lot of it.

### What is gold used for?

- Because gold is expensive, it is used as money. All over the world, people want to buy gold.
- 60% of all the gold we have is made into jewellery. It is very soft and easy to work with. It is also very beautiful.
- Gold is often used in machines, like computers, because electricity can move through it easily.



1 Not all metals are found underground.

**ds**

2 Gold is sometimes found underwater.

**ds**

3 There is a lot of gold in the world.

**ds**

4 Gold is used in jewellery because it is strong.

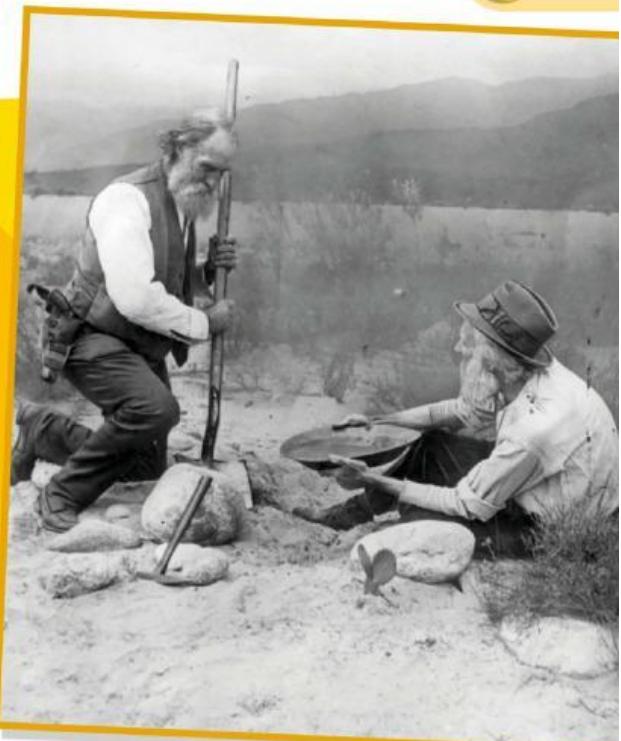
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5 Electricity can't move through metals.

**ds**

3 Read the story and tick  the best title.

On 24<sup>th</sup> January 1848, James Marshall was working on a farm in California, in the west of the USA, when he saw something shining in the water. He got down and picked a small piece of yellow metal out of the water. He showed it to his boss, a man called John Sutter, and both men agreed it was gold. Sutter was greedy and so he asked Marshall to keep it secret, but soon people began to hear about the discovery. When the news reached San Francisco, hundreds of men left their jobs and families to come and look for gold. They wanted to be rich and they were looking for adventure. This was the start of the great Californian gold rush. Over the next few years, people came from all over the USA to try to find a fortune. A few men found a lot of gold, but most went back home with nothing.



The start of something big     A greedy man     The history of gold

4 Read again and answer.

1 Why didn't John Sutter want to tell anyone about the discovery?

2 What kind of men joined the gold rush?

3 Where else did people hear about the gold?

4 Did all the men become rich?

5  Project What have you found out about Native American materials? Read and answer.

<b>The material I chose was:</b>	
<b>Some things they made with this material were:</b>	
<b>They used this material because:</b>	