Homework

Read the article. Match the stories (1–4) with the headings (a–d).

a Art by a famous painter
b A diamond that was real
c A lucky gamer
d A field of gold

Look what I found!

1 .....

In 2019, Scott Amos was in California, in the US, visiting the house he grew up in. He was looking in some boxes when he found an old video game called Kid Icarus. It was probably a gift to him when he was young, but no one in the family remembered it. The 1987 video game wasn't open and it looked perfect. Scott talked to someone who knew a lot about video games, and found out that there were only ten games in perfect condition in the world. The game originally cost $38.45. Scott sold it for $9,000 and used the money for a family trip.

2 .....

In 2014, the owners of a house in Toulouse, France, found some old clothes in a room at the top of the house. They also found a painting there. They thought the painting might be valuable, so they showed it to someone who knew about art. After five years, the owners learnt that the painting was by the famous Italian artist Caravaggio and it was over 400 years old. Not everyone was sure the painting was by Caravaggio, but it was expected to sell for around $171 million. Someone bought it in 2019, but we don't know who or how much they paid.

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3 .....

In 2009, British man Terry Herbert went out with a cheap, old metal detector – a machine for finding metal under the ground – to a farmer's field. After walking just 73 metres, the machine made a noise. Terry made a hole in the ground and he found something gold. He made the hole bigger until, after a few days, he had 244 gold and silver objects. Later, he had more than 4,000 things, all over 1,400 years old. It's the largest number of gold and silver items from that time. Two museums bought them for £3 million. Herbert and the farmer shared the money.

4 .....

In the 1980s, a British woman bought an old ring for £10. She didn't know it had a real diamond on it and many years later, decided to put it in the rubbish. Her neighbour saw it and asked the woman to check if the ring was valuable or not. The woman did and discovered the diamond was real. The ring later sold for a huge £656,750.

Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 Scott Amos found something valuable at his home.
2 Scott sold the game and saved the money in a bank.
3 It was a long time before the owners of the painting in Toulouse discovered who painted it.
4 We know what the new owner paid for the painting.
5 Terry Herbert got £3 million for the things he found.
6 The British woman found a ring in a rubbish bin.

Complete the sentences with one word or a number.

1 Scott thinks the game was a ..... for him as a child.
2 Caravaggio painted the picture over ..... years ago.
3 Terry Herbert found more than ..... objects.
4 The woman's ..... told her to check if the ring was valuable.

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