



The Hoxne Treasure

In 1992, a farmer near the English village of Hoxne lost his hammer in a field. The farmer asked his friend Eric Lawes to use his metal detector to find it.

While looking for the cheap hammer, Lawes found something really incredible. Buried underneath the field was a lot of expensive Roman treasure! The treasure had around 14,500 gold and silver coins. It also had about 200 pieces of jewelry and other valuables. The Romans buried it underground to keep it safe.

Lawes called some archeologists to ask what he should do. In the end, the Hoxne treasure went to the British Museum. Lawes got £1.75 million, which equals roughly \$3 million. Although he didn't have to, Lawes chose to share it with his farmer friend.

2 Read and choose.

- 1 In the article, the word *incredible* means the same as ...
 A boring. **B** amazing.
- 2 Why was the treasure buried underground?
 A The owner wanted to keep it safe. **B** The farmer put it there.
- 3 What was the farmer's solution to losing his hammer?
 A He bought a new one. **B** He asked his friend to find it.
- 4 What is the main purpose of this article?
 A to tell the reader about the Hoxne treasure
 B to tell the reader about the farmer
- 5 Why do you think Lawes shared the treasure?
 A It was the right thing to do. **B** The archeologists told him to.
- 6 Choose a word to describe Eric Lawes.
 A mean **B** kind

Score: / 10

3 Read and write Yes or No.

- 1 A builder lost his hammer in a field. No
- 2 Eric Lawes used his metal detector. _____
- 3 Lawes found a lot of expensive gold. _____
- 4 There were 147 coins. _____
- 5 Lawes called archeologists. _____
- 6 The Hoxne treasure went to a store. _____