PARAPHRASES

ORIGINAL

In American English, the phrase "hiding money in your mattress" means keeping a lot of cash at home because **you don't trust banks, stock markets, or other financial institutions**. Occasionally, an article appears in the newspaper about how someone who goes in to clean out the house of **a deceased person** discovers a hidden box, or even a real mattress, filled with tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash. It's not unusual for the friends or relatives of the deceased to confirm that he or she believed it was unsafe to put the money to use in the markets or even to deposit it into a bank, **where any deposit up to $250,000 is covered by federal insurance.** A Nevada man named Walter Samaszko Jr. died with a $200 balance in his bank account but about $7 million worth of gold bars and coins hidden in his house, **which workers discovered when they went to clean up his house so it could be sold.** An Israeli woman actually did use a mattress to hide **about $1 million in US dollars and Israeli shekels** and then mistakenly disposed of the mattress on trash-collection day. Experts say that, **though your chances of finding valuables are very slim,** you should never do extensive remodeling on the walls of an old house without inspecting the space behind the old plaster or drywall because that space is a popular hoarding spot for money.

In the paraphrase, underline the equivalent or near- equivalent expression for the words in bold in the original.

PARAPHRASE

do a lot of renovation

refers to

you're afraid to invest it or put it in a bank

by a cleanup crew getting the house ready to be sold

deposits up to a quarter million dollars

someone who has died.

US and Israeli currency

by mistake

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You probably won't find any money there

The American English expression "hiding money in your mattress" …….. holding onto your cash because ……. Newspapers sometimes report on the discovery of many thousands of dollars in cash stuffed into a box or mattress in the home of ……. Typically, a cash-hoarder like that has a reputation for believing the money would disappear if it were invested or even put into a bank, where the government insures …….. . Walter Samaszko Jr. of Nevada had a $200 bank balance when he died, but he also had gold bars and coins valued at about $7 million hidden in his house— a stash that was found …….. . ……., a woman in Israel threw into the garbage a mattress in which she had been hiding about $1 million in…….. . ……., but always look carefully in the wall spaces if you ever ……..on an old home.

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