READING

Diary extracts



1 ☐ **Read the text and diary extracts. What did Ollie and Jack find on their journey?**

Looking for treasure

In 2010, an American man hid a big box full of treasure somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. His name is Forrest Fenn and he was over 80 years old at the time. Fenn is an art expert, and he had a lot of old and very expensive objects. He filled his box with jewellery, diamonds and gold, and then buried it in a secret place in the mountains. Why did he do that? He wanted to give families a reason to enjoy time in nature. In his opinion, children spend a lot of time on computers and need to do more outdoor activities. The result? Thousands of people are looking for Forrest Fenn's treasure. Below are diary extracts from two young treasure hunters.



Ollie's diary: 10 December, 2018

We're on holiday in Yellowstone National Park and we're looking for buried treasure with our parents. They planned this trip because they wanted us to enjoy hiking and camping in the winter. Jack and I just want to find the box! Forrest Fenn wrote a 24-line poem with clues about where to find it. He shared the poem on Instagram, so we know the box is somewhere in Wyoming or Colorado – two of the BIGGEST STATES in the USA!



Jack's diary: 19 December, 2018

Time to go home, but the roads are closed and there's deep snow everywhere. We're staying in a small hostel because it's not possible to camp in this weather. It's very cold and there's no wi-fi here. And the worst thing is that we didn't find any treasure! I don't think this was a good idea after all!

2 ☐☐ **Read the text and diary extracts again and check the meaning of these words in a dictionary. Then complete the sentences.**

clues	bury	hides	~~jewellery~~
secret	treasure		

1 That *jewellery* shop sells beautiful earrings, necklaces and bracelets.
2 That dog is making a hole in the ground to _____ the ball!
3 She usually _____ her diary under her bed at night.
4 Grandma keeps her diamond ring in a _____ place in her house.
5 They found a ship under the sea with lots of _____ in it.
6 I always read the _____ carefully when I'm doing a crossword puzzle.

3 ☐☐ **Read the text again. Are the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)?**

1 Forrest Fenn hid expensive jewellery and gold in a box. T
2 He hid the box because he doesn't want people to find it. ___
3 The boys' parents didn't go with them. ___
4 Fenn's clues are on the Internet. ___
5 The boys can't get home because of the weather. ___
6 Jack enjoyed hunting for treasure. ___

4 ☐☐☐ **Answer the questions with your own ideas.**

1 What outdoor activities do you do?

2 Do you like the idea of this 'treasure hunt'? Why / Why not?

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