Reading Practice 1

Read carefully!

1 Read the newspaper article. Write *t* (true), *f* (false) or *ds* (doesn't say).

ROMAN HELMET FOUND BY METAL DETECTOR

This Roman helmet, with a face mask, is about 2,000 years old. It's made of copper and it sold for £2,281,250 in London yesterday.

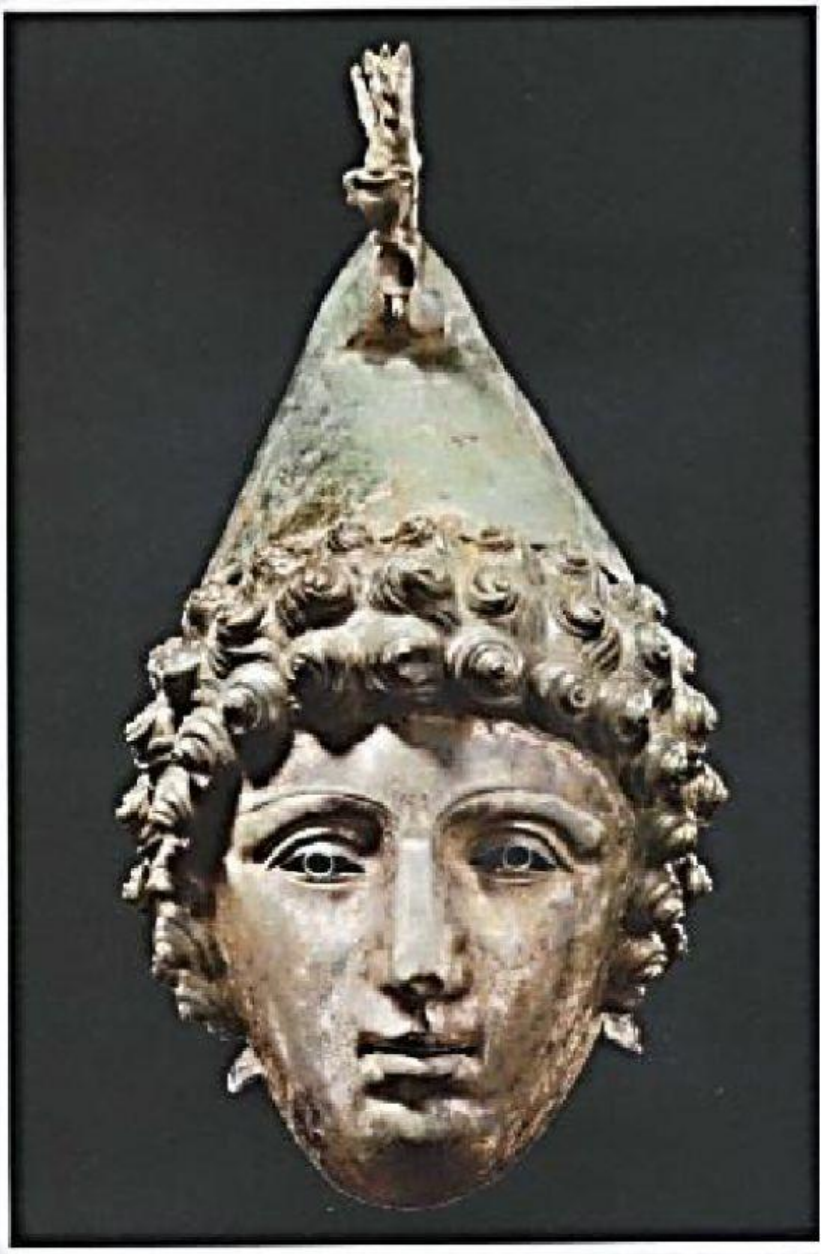
An Englishman with a metal detector found pieces of the helmet in the little village of Crosby Garrett. At first he didn't know what it was, but he then showed it to experts. They put the pieces together and were excited.

The helmet is a wonderful example of Roman art and extremely rare. The Roman soldier with curly hair is wearing a cap. On the cap there is an animal with the body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle. Experts think that the soldier did not wear the helmet when fighting. They think he wore it during military parades.

There are only two other similar helmets with face masks and they are in the British Museum in London and in Edinburgh's Museum of Antiquities.

Every year thousands of objects are discovered by people with metal detectors, but people who go walking or who work in their gardens or fields also sometimes find interesting objects.

When you find objects made of gold or silver that are more than 300 years old, you must report your find. You usually get half of the money if a museum buys the object. The other half goes to the government.



1 A man found a Roman helmet in his garden. ☐
2 The man showed it to his friend first. ☐
3 The soldier wore the helmet to fight. ☐
4 There is a mythical beast on the cap. ☐
5 The man has found treasure before. ☐
6 You don't get any money when a museum buys the find. ☐

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1 Read the text on Student's Book page 16 again. Complete the questions.

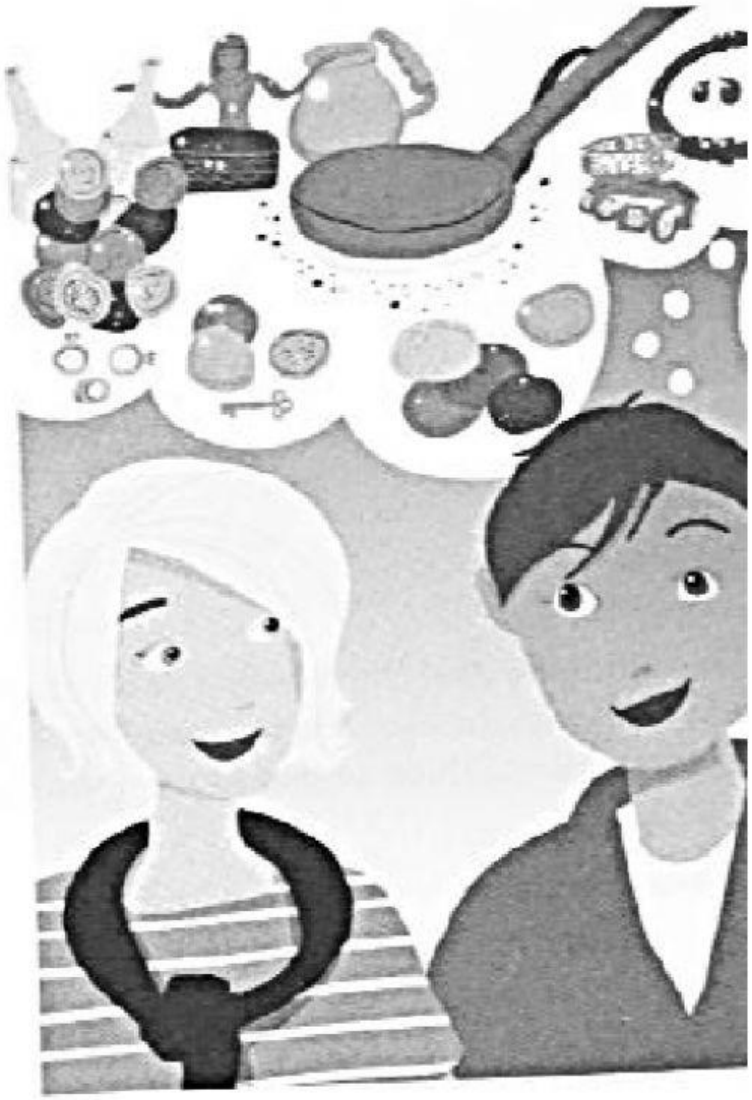
1 What is the Roman helmet made of?
2 _____ found it?
3 _____ is the helmet worth so much money?
4 _____ does the helmet look like?
5 _____ do the experts think that people wore the helmet?
6 _____ of the money do people usually get when a museum buys an object?

2 Match the questions from Activity 1 with the answers.

a ☐ An Englishman who was searching in his garden with a metal detector.
b ☐ It's a face mask with a cap, and there's a lion with the wings of an eagle on it.
c [1] It's made of copper.
d ☐ They get half of the price that it sells for.
e ☐ It looks beautiful and only two other helmets like this one exist.
f ☐ They think that the soldier who owned the helmet only wore it for parades.

3 Put the dialogue in order.

☐ A Because our neighbour found a gold necklace on the beach with a metal detector.
☐ A He reported his find to a big museum.
☐ A It wasn't! It was the honest thing to do. They gave him £5,000.
☐ A Right! Let's go together!
[1] A I'm thinking of buying a metal detector.
☐ A Why? Where are you going?
☐ B How silly of him!
☐ B With a metal detector? Wow! And what did he do with the necklace?
☐ B Really? Right. I've got to go. I'm in a hurry.
☐ B To the shops. I'm going to buy a metal detector too.
☐ B Why would you like to do that?



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