

Decades-Long Doorstop Rock Shocks Owners with \$1 Million Value!

Description

The adage that one person's refuse is another's treasure epitomizes the curious case of a seemingly ordinary stone, long employed as a doorstop, which has emerged as a magnificent gem—one of the largest and most pristine amber specimens globally.

Weighing approximately 3.5 kilograms (7.7 pounds), this remarkable find was unearthed by an elderly Romanian woman from the sedimentary cradle of a streambed in southeastern Romania, subsequently repurposed for decades in her household.

Unbeknownst to her, this seemingly mundane rock represents not merely a sentimental object but a veritable treasure, with an estimated valuation nearing €1 million (approximately \$1.1 million), as reported by <u>El Pais</u>. This extraordinary lump of amber epitomizes the fossilization of tree resin, a process that unfolds over eons, transforming the viscous material into a captivating jewel appreciated across cultures.

Resin roozing out of artires s bark
Resin forming beneath the bark of a tree. (KevinDyer/Canva)

Amber, particularly known as <u>rumanite</u> in Romania, is primarily sourced from the vicinity of <u>Colti</u>, a region renowned for its rich deposits within the River Buzau sandstone formations, where extraction has been ongoing since the 1920s.

In a serendipitous twist, following the woman's demise in 1991, her heir recognized the potential significance of this unassuming object. Upon valuation by specialists at the Museum of History in Krakow, it was determined that this amber nugget is estimated to be between 38 and 70 million years old, a testament to its extraordinary endurance.

Daniel Costache, director of the Provincial Museum of Buzau, remarked that this discovery holds immense scientific and cultural import, leading to its classification as a national treasure, now exhibited at the museum since 2022.

Thus, while the elderly woman merely used the amber as a doorstop, her remarkable find illustrates the potential hidden value within our everyday lives—a nudging reminder that beneath the surface of the ordinary often lies the extraordinary.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. **Epitomizes** /ɪˈpɪtə,maɪz/ (verb): To serve as a perfect example of a quality or type.
- 2. **Unearthed** /Λn'3rθt/ (verb): To discover or reveal something that was hidden or buried.
- 3. Valuation /,vælju'eɪ[ən/ (noun): The process of estimating the worth or value of something.
- 4. **Specimen** /'spɛsɪmən/ (noun): An individual or part representative of a class or group.



- 5. Taxonomy /tæk'sɒnəmi/ (noun): The science of classification especially in biology.
- 6. Fossilization / fossilar zer[ən/ (noun): The process by which organic material is preserved in sediment.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the weight of the remarkable amber find?

Option: 1.5 kilograms Option: 3.5 kilograms Option: 5.5 kilograms Option: 7.5 kilograms

2. From which region was the amber unearthed by the elderly Romanian woman? NEWS.COM

Option: Central Romania Option: Northern Romania Option: Western Romania

Option: Southeastern Romania

3. Where is the amber now exhibited since 2022?

Option: Provincial Museum of Buzau

Option: Tate Modern

Option: Museum of Natural History

Option: Louvre Museum

4. Amber is particularly known as what in Romania?

Option: Goldite Option: Silverite Option: Rubyite Option: Rumanite

5. The amber nugget is estimated to be between how many years old?

Option: 10-20 million years Option: 20-30 million years Option: 30-40 million years Option: 38-70 million years





18. The person who recognized the value of the amber after the woman's death was her

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 3.5 kilograms 2. Southeastern Romania 3. Provincial Museum of Buzau 4. Rumanite

5. 38-70 million years 6. Her heir

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False 13. True

Gap-Fill: 13, 1 14, 1920 15, 2022 16, Romania 17, 38, 70 18, heir

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe the relationship or connection between two or more things? ESL-NEW

Option: A) Cognitive Option: B) Correlate

Option: C) Cerebrospinal Option: D) Contamination

2. Which word means to make something clear or explain something?

Option: A) Innovative Option: B) Elucidates Option: C) Pathology Option: D) Fossilization

3. What is the term for taking steps to lessen the severity or extent of something?

Option: A) Mitigate Option: B) Infiltration Option: C) Precipitated Option: D) Nexus

4. Which word describes introducing new ideas or methods?

Option: A) Synchronized

Option: B) Mitigate Option: C) Innovative Option: D) Unearthed





5. To cause something to hap	ppen suddenly or unexpectedly is to
Option: A) Taxonomy Option: B) Epitomizes Option: C) Adsorption	
Option: C) Adsorption Option: D) Precipitated	
6. Which term refers to a pra	ctice that can be maintained over the long term without depleting resources?
Option: A) Trajectory Option: B) Correlate	
Option: C) Sustainable	
Option: D) Amalgamation	
7. What is the process of com	nbining or uniting multiple entities into one?
Option: A) Annihilation	
Option: B) Mitigate	
Option: C) Amalgamation	
Option: D) Infiltration	
8. Which word describes the forces?	path followed by a projectile or an object moving under the action of given
Option: A) Synaptic	
Option: B) Trajectory	
Option: C) Enigmatic Option: D) Valuation	
Option. D) valuation	
9. What is a central or most i	mportant point?
Option: A) Infiltration	
Option: B) Nexus	
Option: C) Elucidates Option: D) Contamination	
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	ngle item example or representative of a group?
Option: A) Taxonomy	
Option: B) Contamination	
Option: C) Specimen Option: D) Synchronized	
Option: Dy Syncinomized	
Gap-Fill(Fill in the blank	s with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)
11. The	puzzle has puzzled scientists for decades.



12 is th	ne process in which a solid holds mole	ecules of a gas or liquid on its surface.	
13. The unexpected power outage	e caused the company to	its production	
schedule.			
14. Proper	of the antique vase required the e	expertise of a skilled appraiser.	
15. Before conducting the experir	ment the scientist formulated a	to test.	
16. The process of	can preserve the remains	of animals and plants for millions of	
years.			
17. The study of the causes and e	effects of diseases is known as		
18. Communication between neur	rons occurs at the	junction.	
19. The discovery of water	raised concerns a	bout the safety of the local	
population.	SL-NE		
	of the enemy forces	was the primary objective of the	
battle.			
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)			
21. The sudden appearance of a	a double rainbow after the rain showe	r amazed everyone.	
22. The fluid surrounds the brain and spinal cord protecting them from injury.			
23. Archaeologists ancient artifacts buried beneath the temple ruins.			
24. Biologists use to classify and organize living organisms into hierarchical groups.			
25. The of the new treatment in reducing pain was proven in clinical trials.			
26. The spy's mission involved a secret into the enemy's headquarters.			
27. His dedication and hard work the values of the company.			



- 28. The merger of the two companies resulted in a successful of resources and expertise.
- 29. The dancers performed a beautifully routine that captivated the audience.
- 30. An accurate of the artwork required knowledge of art history and current market trends.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B) Correlate 2. B) Elucidates 3. A) Mitigate 4. C) Innovative 5. D) Precipitated 6. C)

Sustainable 7. C) Amalgamation 8. B) Trajectory 9. B) Nexus 10. C) Specimen

Gap-Fill: 11. Enigmatic 12. Adsorption 13. Disrupt 14. Valuation 15. Hypothesis 16. Fossilization 17.

Pathology 18. Synaptic 19. Contamination 20. Annihilation

Matching sentence: 1. Phenomenon 2. Cerebrospinal 3. Unearthed 4. Taxonomy 5. Efficacy 6. Infiltration

7. Epitomizes 8. Amalgamation 9. Synchronized 10. Valuation

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