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# Decades-Old Doorstop Rock Valued Over \$1 Million!

## Description

They say one person's trash is another person's treasure. A 3.5-kilogram stone, used as a doorstop for many years, is a real treasure.

This stone was found in a stream in Romania by an elderly woman. She took it home and used it to keep her door open.

Later, she learned that her “doorstop” was one of the biggest pieces of amber in the world. Experts say it is worth around €1 million (about \$1.1 million).

Resin from a tree  
Resin forming under a tree branch. (KevinDyer/Canva)

Amber is made from tree resin that has hardened over millions of years. It is a beautiful and valuable gemstone.

The elderly woman lived in Colti, Romania. After she passed away, her family discovered the value of the stone. They sold it to the Romanian state, and experts confirmed its age is between 38 and 70 million years.

This piece of amber is now a national treasure in a museum in Romania.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Treasure** /'treɪ.ʒ.ər/ (noun): A valuable item or collection of valuable items.
2. **Experts** /'ek.spɜːrts/ (noun): Individuals with specialized knowledge or skills in a particular area.
3. **Valuable** /'væl.jə.bəl/ (adjective): Something that is worth a lot of money or is important in some way.
4. **Hardened** /'hɑːr.dənd/ (adjective): Made solid or stiff by the process of hardening.
5. **Discovered** /dɪs'kʌv.əd/ (verb): Found out; made known or revealed something that was previously unknown.
6. **Confirmed** /kən'fɜːrmd/ (verb): Validated or established the truth of something.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. Where was the 3.5-kilogram stone found by the elderly woman?  
Option: Colti, Romania  
Option: France  
Option: Italy  
Option: Spain
  
  2. What was the 3.5-kilogram stone initially used for by the elderly woman?  
Option: Doorstop  
Option: Decoration  
Option: Paperweight  
Option: Garden ornament
  
  3. What is the estimated value of the amber stone according to experts?  
Option: €1 million  
Option: €100,000  
Option: €500,000  
Option: €2 million
  
  4. What is amber made from?  
Option: Tree resin  
Option: Gold  
Option: Diamond  
Option: Silver
  
  5. What is the current location of the piece of amber?  
Option: Museum in Romania  
Option: Private collection  
Option: Auction house  
Option: Destroyed
  
  6. What is the age range of the amber stone as confirmed by experts?  
Option: Between 38 and 70 million years  
Option: Between 10 and 20 million years  
Option: Less than 1 million years  
Option: Over 100 million years

### **True-False**



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7. Amber is considered a valuable gemstone.
  8. The elderly woman who found the amber stone was from Spain.
  9. The amber stone was first identified as valuable after the woman's death.
  10. The amber stone was sold to a private collector.
  11. Amber is formed from the hardening of tree resin.
  12. The piece of amber is now considered a national treasure in a museum in Italy.

### Gap-Fill

13. The elderly woman used the 3.5-kilogram stone as a doorstep for many years until she learned its true value. Experts confirmed its age is between 38 and \_\_\_\_\_ million years.
14. After the elderly woman passed away, her family sold the amber stone to the \_\_\_\_\_ state.
15. The piece of amber is now a national treasure in a museum in \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Experts estimate the value of the amber stone to be around € \_\_\_\_\_ (about \$1.1 million).
17. Amber is made from tree resin that has \_\_\_\_\_ over millions of years.
18. The elderly woman who found the amber stone lived in Colti, \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Colti, Romania 2. Doorstep 3. €1 million 4. Tree resin 5. Museum in Romania 6. Between 38 and 70 million years

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 70 14. Romanian 15. Romania 16. 1 million 17. hardened



## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What are authorities doing when they are examining a situation to uncover the truth?  
Option: Deciding  
Option: Investigating  
Option: Building  
Option: Repairing
2. A person who commits a crime is known as a:  
Option: Doctor  
Option: Teacher  
Option: Criminal  
Option: Engineer
3. What do we call a sudden serious and unexpected event requiring immediate action?  
Option: Close  
Option: Normal  
Option: Emergency  
Option: Excitement
4. Who are the individuals dedicated to investigating and discovering new information?  
Option: Teachers  
Option: Cooks  
Option: Researchers  
Option: Drivers
5. What is the raised level surface providing the foundation for people or things?  
Option: Platform  
Option: Tunnel  
Option: Bridge  
Option: Cave
6. What is the increase in prices of goods and services over time?  
Option: Deflation  
Option: Equalization  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Isolation
7. Which term describes something that is of great worth or importance?



- Option: Worthless
- Option: Beautiful
- Option: Valuable
- Option: Harmful

8. What is the emission of energy as electromagnetic waves or as moving subatomic particles?

- Option: Silence
- Option: Meltdown
- Option: Radiation
- Option: Darkness

9. What term describes something that has been shown to be true or valid?

- Option: Gathered
- Option: Bought
- Option: Proven
- Option: Earned

10. What word describes the act of giving support confidence or hope?

- Option: Saddened
- Option: Discouraged
- Option: Encouraged
- Option: Waited

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

- 11. A \_\_\_\_\_ prohibits or forbids certain actions items or behaviors.
- 12. In times of need we often \_\_\_\_\_ on our friends for support.
- 13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient artifact amazed the archaeologists.
- 14. The pilot \_\_\_\_\_ the aircraft during the flight.
- 15. The politician gave an inspiring \_\_\_\_\_ to the crowd.
- 16. The weather forecast issued severe \_\_\_\_\_ for an approaching storm.
- 17. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ the diagnosis after further tests.
- 18. His attitude \_\_\_\_\_ after facing numerous challenges.



19. She provided unwavering \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend during tough times.

20. The old map led them to a hidden pirate \_\_\_\_\_ on the island.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A person's unique personality and characteristics that distinguish them from others.
22. The teacher effectively the lesson to the students.
23. Professionals with advanced knowledge and skills in a particular field.
24. Official organizations or individuals with the power to enforce laws or rules.
25. They a hidden cave deep in the forest during their expedition.
26. The laboratory results the presence of a rare substance in the sample.
27. Being exposed to high levels of radiation poses a serious to health.
28. She is a role for young aspiring dancers in the community.
29. The astronomers studied the phenomena occurring in outer space.
30. Constructive can help individuals improve and grow.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Investigating 2. Criminal 3. Emergency 4. Researchers 5. Platform 6. Inflation 7. Valuable 8. Radiation 9. Proven 10. Encouraged

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Ban 12. Depend 13. Discovery 14. Controls 15. Speech 16. Warnings 17. Confirmed 18. Hardened 19. Support 20. Treasure

**Matching sentence:** 1. Identity 2. Communicated 3. Experts 4. Authorities 5. Discovered 6. Confirmed 7. Danger 8. Model 9. Cosmic 10. Criticism

## CATEGORY

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