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LANGUE VIVANTE ANGLAIS

Durée : 1 heure

Ce sujet comporte 2 pages

GOLD RUSH !

Did you ever dream of becoming rich ? If you lived in Australia, then it could be easier than you think. All you have to do is buy or rent* a metal detector. Then you go off into the hills of Western Australia and look for gold. For only 50 cents, anyone can get a "miner's right" to prospect on public lands.

Kalgoorlie, a very small town in Western Australia, is the centre of this new gold boom*. Tourists and prospectors are coming from all over Australia to spend their weekends and holiday looking for gold. "It's ridiculous, but prospecting has become one of Australia's most popular holiday activities. The thing has become a national pastime," says one tourist agent.

One reason SO many people are trying their luck at looking for gold is that many ordinary people have recently made highly publicised discoveries. One middle-aged couple spent six weeks patiently looking for gold. One day their detector gave off a signal. A few inches under their feet lay* a gold nugget weighing 60 lbs. It was SO heavy they had to drag it to their car. They took it home, washed it in the bath and hid* it under the bed. They have just sold it to a U.S. collector for one million dollars.

The Mayor of Kalgoorlie is quite pleased with the popularity of his town. He welcomes all visitors and has even promised to move the town hall if gold is found under it.

Easy Speakeasy - Janvier - Février 1981

Help :

rent : louer
boom : ruée
to lie : (ici) se trouver
to hide : cacher

1 - Vrai ou faux ? Justifier toutes vos réponses en citant la partie du texte qui vous a permis de répondre. **8 pts**

- 1 - It is easy to become a gold propector in Australia.
- 2 - A "miner's right" costs 20 cents.
- 3 - Kalgoorlie is a town in Eastern Australia.
- 4 - A young couple found a large gold nugget.
- 5 - A couple of people found a 60 lb gold nugget after six weeks of patient work.
- 6 - They immediately put it in a bank.
- 7 - When they sold it, they got \$1,000,000.
- 8 - The Mayor doesn't like the popularity of his town.

II - Trouvez dans le texte les mots qui signifient : **3 pts**

- 1 - un passe-temps
- 2 - tentent leur chance
- 3 - des découvertes

III - Recopiez le dialogue suivant après l'avoir complété. **3 pts**

- Where ?
- Kalgoorlie is in Western Australia.
- Why ?
- People go there because there is gold in the ground
- W h a t . . . ?
- They use metal detectors.

IV - Remettez les éléments suivants dans l'ordre, afin de former une phrase correcte. **1 pt**

to / weekend / corne / many / every / Kalgoorlie / gold / find / to / tourists

V - Traduisez en français les deux premières lignes du texte jusqu'à "metal detector". **3 pts**

VI - Mettez le verbe entre parenthèses au temps qui convient. **2 pts**

- A few months ago, a middle-aged couple..... a gold nugget (**find**).
- If people **find** gold under the town hall of Kalgoorlie, the mayor..... it (**move**)