

Finding gold – a true story

It's the year 1715.



Twelve big Spanish ships are on their way from South America to Spain. There's a lot of gold and silver on board the ships. The weather is very bad. It's raining and there's a strong wind.



Near the coast of Florida there's a hurricane. The situation is very, very bad.



There's no help for the people on the ships. The ships sink. All the people die.

It's the year 1950.



There's a man on the beach in Florida. His name is Kip Wagner. He is going for a walk. It's a beautiful day. The sun is shining. It's very warm.



Suddenly Kip Wagner sees something in the sand. It's a gold coin. It's beautiful. And it looks very old.



Kip Wagner has got an idea. 'The gold coin is from the year 1715. It's from the Spanish ships,' he thinks.



Kip Wagner starts looking at the sand around him. He finds more and more gold. He gets very excited and makes a plan.



Kip Wagner hires a plane and a team of people. They want to find the ship. They fly the plane over the sea. They all look very carefully.



Kip Wagner and his team are lucky. They find a big treasure, and it's from the Spanish ships – ten thousand gold coins and a hundred thousand silver coins!

Here are some of the gold coins that Kip Wagner and his team found:

