

“What are you doing?” asked the breathless old man, as he sat down nearby to rest. “Please let it not be another bone.”

The dog dug and dug until there was a large hole in the ground. Then it ran to the old man and brought him to the edge. The old man looked in and gasped. The bottom of the hole was filled with hundreds and hundreds of gold coins. The old man hugged the dog and then ran back to the house to tell the old woman what he had found.

“Our dog has made us rich!” he told her joyfully. “Richer than you could ever dream.”

The old man went back and forth between the hole and the house, carrying home the gold. The dog ran around him barking happily and wagging its tail.



● **breathless**: 息切れした [breathがないということ] ● **nearby**: 近くに ● **let ... do**: ...が〜でありますように [「...」には目の前の状況を表すitやeverything (すべてのこと) などが入る] ● **another**: また別の ● **dig and dig**: 掘りに掘る [このように同じ動詞をandでつなげると「次から次へと〜する」「アット〜する」の意味を表す。digはdigの過去形] ● **edge**: 端 ● **gasp**: はっと息をのむ ● **be filled with ...**: ...でいっぱいである ● **hundreds and hundreds of**: 何百もの [hundredやthousandなどが複数形になるときは数が多いことを表す] ● **hug**: 抱きしめる ● **joyfully**: うれしそうに ● **could**: ~した可能性のある [ここでは、canの過去形を使って、彼方に起こりうる以上のことを表している。仮定法の一つ] ● **go back and forth between A and B**: AとBの間を行ったり来たりする ● **the gold**: ここでは「金貨」(輸出のgold coinsをさす) ● **barking**: 吠えながら (while it was barkingの意味をing形で表す分詞構文の用法。後のwaggingも同様)

