

# Improving Your Reading with Rex Retriever: The Old Woman's Luck



There was once an old woman. She made a small amount of money by helping the farmers' wives in her village. She didn't earn much. Sometimes, she would get a plate of meat at one house and sometimes she would get a cup of tea at another. Yet, the old woman always looked cheerful.

Late one evening as she was walking home, the old woman found a big, black pot lying by the side of the road. "I would love to have that pot but I have nothing to put in it," she said. "Who could have left it here?" She looked around for the person it belonged to but there was no one there.

"Maybe it will have a hole in it," she said thoughtfully. "Yes, that will be why they've left it lying here. Even if it does have a hole in it, it will make a wonderful pot for a flower on the windowsill. I think I'll take it home anyway." She bent her stiff, old back and lifted the lid to look inside.

"Goodness me!" she cried, jumping back to the other side of the road. "It is filled to the top with gold pieces!"



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- in a farmer's field
- at the village square
- on someone's windowsill
- by the side of the road

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# Answers

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 at the village square  
 on someone's windowsill  
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2. What did the old woman want to do with the pot?

**She wanted to take the pot home so she could put a flower in it and place it on her windowsill.**

3. Give **two** things that the old woman would sometimes get from nearby houses.

**a plate of meat**  
**a cup of tea**

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