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'When Jerome's spade made a clanging sound, his hopes ignited. Was the legend about buried treasure true after all?'

Key Words spade clanging hopes legend buried treasure Use key words to make inference

spade: tells us Jerome is digging. **clanging:** spade has hit something

metallic.

hopes: Jerome doesn't really believe the

legend about buried treasure.

buried treasure: we can infer Jerome is digging for buried treasure and he has hit something metallic! Treasure?

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