

Unusual Collections – Interviews with Collectors

*Read the texts about people's unusual collections. Whose collection do you like most?
Choose one person. Then write an interview with her/him.*

I: Hello Marcia, I have a few questions about your collection.

M: Ok, sure.

I: What do you collect?

M: I collect tickets. I keep all kinds of tickets, bus, train and plane tickets, cinema tickets, theatre tickets, concert tickets, etc.

I: Oh, that sounds interesting. Where do you keep them?

M: I stick them in albums and write the date next to the ticket.

I: That's a great idea! And why is your collection important to you?

M: It helps me remember the places and events I've been to. Sometimes I take out my albums and flip through them.

I: That's really cool! When did you start your collection?

M: I started it at the age of eight when I bought my first bus ticket.

I: How many tickets have you got?

M: I've got a huge collection of more than 900 tickets.

I: That's a lot! What is your oldest ticket?

M: The bus ticket which I bought at the age of eight. I'm 32 now.

I: What do your friends say about your hobby?

M: Some of my friends think that I'm a bit crazy, but I love my hobby.

I: How long will you continue collecting?

M: I don't know, but I will be collecting a lot more tickets in the future.

I: Thank you for the interview, Marcia.

M: You're welcome.

– Sophie Kulmitzer, 4C

I: Hi Marcia.

M: Hi.

I: How are you today?

M: I'm fine, thank you.

I: Great. Let us begin with the interview. Are you ready?

M: Yes, of course.

I: Okay, here we go. What do you collect?

M: I collect tickets. I have a huge collection of bus, train, plane, cinema, theatre and concert tickets.

I: Wow. That's an extensive collection.

M: Yes, I know.

I: When, did you start your hobby?

M: I started it at the age of eight. I'm 32 years old.

I: That means that you've been collecting tickets for 24 years. That's really long!

M: Yes.

I: Why is your collection important to you?

M: It is important to me because there are a lot of great memories associated with the tickets.

I: And how many tickets do you have?

M: At this moment I have more than 900 tickets.

I: That's a lot! What do your friends say about your hobby?

M: They think I'm a bit crazy.

I: Haha, okay. How long will you continue collecting?

M: I want to continue this hobby for the rest of my life.

I: Which is your oldest ticket?

M: It's the bus ticket I bought when I was eight years old.

I: Oh, that 's nice. Would you recommend your hobby?

M: Yes, because everybody can do it.

I: Okay, thank you for the interview, Marcia.

M: You're welcome!

I: Hey Donald! How are you?

D: Hi. I'm great, thanks.

I: Have you got some time to answer a few questions about your strange collection?

D: Yes, I have time for an interview.

I: Great! What do you collect?

D: I collect ice hockey pucks.

I: That is a rather unusual thing to collect. When did you start your collection?

D: I started collecting pucks at the age of 12 and now I am 14 years old.

I: Interesting! How many pucks do you have?

D: At the moment I have 92 pucks.

I: Wow, you've collected 92 pucks in just two years. That's amazing!

Next question: Why is your collection important to you?

M: It is important to me because I play ice hockey myself and after a game I sometimes keep a puck to add to my collection at home. My friends and my aunt sometimes bring back pucks from other countries too. They are very precious to me.

I: That's very nice of your friends. But what do they say about your hobby?

D: I think they find it cool that I collect pucks.

I: And how long will you continue collecting?

D: I don't know, but I would like to collect pucks for as long as I play ice hockey.

I: My last question is whether you have a favourite puck?

D: Yes, it is the puck my aunt gave to me. It is the most precious and rarest puck I have. My aunt brought it back from the Olympic Winter Games. That is my favourite one.

I: Thank you for your time and for the interview, Donald.

D: You're welcome. Thank you for the great questions. Bye!

I: Bye!

I: Hello Natasha.

N: Hello.

I: How are you today?

N: I'm feeling very good today, thanks.

I: I've heard that you have quite a strange collection. So, tell me about it. What is it?

N: I know it sounds a little bit funny, but I collect dreams.

I: Dreams?

N: Yes, I collect dreams.

I: Ok then. When did you start collecting them and how do you collect them?

N: Well, I once read an article about a woman who had collected dreams for her entire life. I was so interested that I started my own collection. Every morning when I wake up I grab my dream diary and write down the dream I had. I am really good at remembering my dreams.

I: That sounds really great! How many dreams have you collected so far?

N: At the moment I have 673 dreams that I have collected.

I: Wow, that's impressive! Why is it so important to you to collect them?

N: Because every dream is very emotional and that is what makes it so interesting. A few of my dreams are quite similar, but they are all different at the same time.

I: That is true. What do your friends say about your collection?

N: At first they found it very strange, but later some of my friends were so interested in it that they also started to write down their dreams in my diary.

I: Oh, that sounds cool! How long will you continue collecting?

N: I am trying to collect them as long as I can. So for the rest of my life.

I: Wow, that is quite a challenge! I wish you the best of luck with it.

N: Thank you!

I: One last question... Would you recommend collecting dreams?

N: Yes, of course! I think everybody should do that. It is a very interesting way to find out more about yourself.

I: Thank you very much for your time, Natasha!

N: You're welcome. Bye!

I: Bye!

– Maximilian Beck, 4C