

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: Hi Marcia! I'd like to know something about your collection. What do you collect?

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

I: That sounds cool. When did you start collecting them?

M: Quite some time ago, actually. I guess it was about 24 years ago.

I: That's a long time! Why is your collection important to you?

M: Good question. I think my favourite thing about it is that it helps me remember all the beautiful places and events I've been to and all the adventures I've experienced.

I: Great idea! Do you know how many tickets you have at the moment?

M: I always keep track of the count, and by now I've collected more than 900 tickets.

I: Wow, that's a lot! What is your favourite or rarest one?

M: I don't think there is a rarest one, but my favourite is definitely the one from Alcatraz because it was so cool there!

I: Oh, that's great. I've never been there, but I've always wanted to visit it. What do your friends think about your hobby?

M: They think I'm crazy!

I: How so? But will you continue collecting them?

M: Yes! It's so nice to have them.

I: And one last question: Do you collect anything else?

M: No. I'm so busy with my tickets already. That's enough.

I: Thanks for your time!

M: You're welcome!

I: Hello Marcia! Nice to meet you. How are you today?

M: Hi! Nice to meet you too. I'm great, thanks.

I: So Marcia, tell me: What do you collect?

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

I: When did you start your collection?

M: Well, my oldest ticket is 24 years old. I bought it at the age of eight. That's when I started my collection.

I: Why is your collection important to you?

M: When I look at the tickets I remember the places and events I've been to. That way I don't forget about my favourite memories.

I: Nicely said. How many tickets have you got right now?

M: I have collected a little over 900 tickets so far.

I: Wow, that is a lot. But what do your friends say about your hobby?

M: Some of my friends think that I'm a bit crazy.

I: How long will you continue collecting?

M: I really have no idea. But I don't think that I could ever stop collecting. I just love my hobby.

I: Can you think of collecting anything other than tickets?

M: Not really. I mean after 24 years it is kind of normal for me.

I: Do you know anybody who collects tickets too?

M: No, not yet. But I think it would be really cool.

I: Thanks for answering my questions.

M: You're welcome. Bye.

I: Goodbye. See you soon, maybe.

I: Hi Marcia, thank you for being here today!

M: Hey! Your welcome.

I: Well... let's start with some easy questions. What do you collect?

M: I collect different tickets. Concert tickets, bus tickets, cinema tickets, etc.

I: And how old were you when you started collecting tickets?

M: At the age of eight, I had the idea to start this collection. At that time I also bought my very first and oldest ticket.

I: Why is your collection important to you?

M: Every time I look at my albums where I keep my collection, I remember special, emotional or funny moments I had with my friends or family members.

I: Oh, that's nice! How many tickets have you collected until now?

M: About 900 tickets.

I: Wow, that's a lot! So, what do your friends say about your hobby?

M: They think I'm crazy, haha! But that's okay. It's not everyone's favourite thing to do in their free time.

I: You're right. How long will you continue collecting?

M: Until I'm no longer excited about collecting thicketts.

I: What is the most special ticket for you?

M: In high school I had a crush on someone. On our first date we went to the cinema, which is an absolute no-go because we didn't talk anything, haha. Still, it's my favourite ticket. It reminds me of high school Marcia.

I: How lovely! If you weren't collecting tickets, what would you be collecting then?

M: Stickers, I think. I like them a lot.

I: Thank you, Marcia.

M: You're welcome.

– Seher Özün, 4D

I: Hi Marcia, it's a pleasure to do this interview with you!

M: Hello! Oh, thank you.

I: So, what do you collect?

M: I collect tickets.

I: What kinds of tickets do you collect?

M: I keep all kinds of tickets, for example bus tickets, train tickets, cinema tickets, concert tickets...

I: And when did you start your collection?

M: Um, I was eight years old when I bought my first bus ticket. Then I had the idea to start collecting them.

I: Why is your collection important to you?

M: My collection helps me remember all the events and places I've been to. For example, I have a cinema ticket from China and it helps me remember all the cool things I've seen there.

I: Oh really? That's very interesting.

M: Yes, it is.

I: And how many tickets have you got?

M: I've got more than 900 tickets..

I: Wow, so many?

M: Yes. If you often go to events or museums, you'll quickly have quite a large collection.

I: And what do your friends say about your hobby?

M: Some of my friends think that I'm crazy, but I love what I do.

I: Where do you keep your tickets?.

M: I keep them in different albums.

I: And my last question for today is: How long will you continue collecting them?

M: I will continue collecting them for the rest of my life if I'm not too lazy for it.

I: Haha, okay, thank you, Marcia.

M: You're welcome.

– Ilona Mandl, 4D

I: Hello Donald. Can I ask you some questions about your collection?

D: Hey! Yes, of course!.

I: Okay. What do you collect?

D: I collect pucks.

I: Pucks? Interesting... Why pucks?

D: Because I have played in an ice hockey team for two years now and I like the different prints on the pucks.

I: When did you start your collection?

D: I started my collection two years ago.

I: Why is your collection important to you?

D: Well, when I play ice hockey I want to keep a puck from each game. They are so cool and it's a rather unusual hobby too.

I: How many pucks have you got?

M: Until now, I have collected 92 pucks.

I: What do your friends say about your hobby?

D: My friends think it is cool and sometimes they give me pucks they brought back from other countries. That's really helpful.

I: How long will you continue collecting?

D: My goal is to have the world's largest collection of pucks. But I think I will continue collecting them for as long as I enjoy it.

I: That's good! And my final question is: What is your favourite puck from your collection?

D: Oh well, my favourite and most precious one is from the Olympic Winter Games. My aunt gave it to me. She brought it as a souvenir. It's a Canadian puck, and the Canadians won gold in the Olympic ice hockey competition. I'm really proud of it.

I: That's great! Thank you, Donald.

D: You're welcome. Bye!

I: Bye!

– Christina Hofstetter, 4D

I: Hi Donald. Let's talk about your collection. What do you collect?

D: Hello. I collect pucks.

I: Very interesting. How come? When did you start?

D: I've been playing in an ice hockey team for two years now and I try to keep a puck from each game. Sometimes I also buy one at a souvenir shop.

I: I'm sure you always win. Does anyone help you or are you collecting them on your own?

D: Sometimes my relatives help me. For example, my aunt gave me my most precious puck. She brought it back from the Olympic Winter Games.

I: How interesting! By the way, how many pucks have you got?

D: Now I own 92.

I: How long will you continue collecting?

D: At least until the magic number of 100 pucks and then as long as I continue playing ice hockey.

I: Well, you're really close to your goal. What do your friends say about your hobby?

D: They don't even know about my collection.

I: What a shame! Why is this collection important to you?

D: It helps me remember all the games I've played so far.

I: One last question, Donald. Is there any really important puck missing from your collection?

D: I can't think of one.

I: Thanks for this interesting interview, Donald. Bye!

D: You're welcome. Bye!

– Clemens Bojanowsky, 4D

I: Hello Natasha. Today we'll talk about your collection.

N: Great!

I: So what do you actually collect?

N: I collect dreams.

I: Hmm... and how do you do that? Do you ... er ...I am clueless.

N: It's very simple, really. I write them down in my dream diary first thing in the morning.

I: Oh. Yeah, that makes sense. When did you start your collection?

N: About two years ago.

I: And how many dreams have you got so far?

N: So far, I've collected 673 dreams.

I: Wow, that's a lot! Why is your collection important to you?

N: It shows me how I've changed over the years. Unlike most other collections, my collection is unique. No one else has the same collection. Dreams aren't something you can buy, which also makes this kind of collection very cheap. All you need is a book and a pen and you're good to go.

I: Interesting. Have you been treated differently due to your rather unusual hobby?

N: At first, yes. Everyone was like, "Is she crazy?", but now they've come to understand it.

I: What do your friends say about it?

N: Some like it and some don't. Most of them think it's silly.

I: Do you think it's silly?

N: No, I don't. I mean, I know it is kind of strange, but I don't think it's silly. Well, maybe a little bit, but not very.

I: Do you categorise your dreams?

N: No, I don't. I just number them.

I: And how long will you continue collecting?

N: I hope for many more years.

I: Well, thank you for doing this interview, Natasha. Good bye.

N: It was my pleasure. Bye.

– Luka Milenkovic, 4D