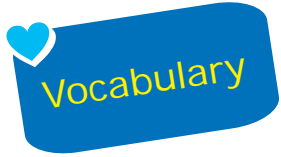


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Collecting Stamps



flexibility - being adaptable, can change easily or adjust to different conditions and situations

柔軟性、適応性

accumulation - the act or process of collecting together, to increase in number by continuous additions

蓄積

philatelists - person who collects stamps

切手研究家

investment - a thing where in a person invests resources in hopes that it will increase its value or that it will be worthwhile

投資、出資

miniature - something which is very small, a smaller version of something which is usually much bigger

ミニチュア、縮小模型

Dialogue

Few hobbies match the flexibility of stamp collecting. It is suitable for nearly all ages. You can collect stamps all 12 months of the year regardless of the climate where you are located. It does not require any special skill or great wealth. Some individuals start as early as age 4 and continue to do so until they die.

"Stamp collecting" is the accumulation of material related to the payment of postage and the carriage of the mails. Many philatelists collect the small pieces of paper that indicate payment of postage. Stamp collectors include individuals from all walks of life.

Most individuals collect for relaxation and enjoyment although many secretly hope that they will discover a rare and elusive stamp that will make them wealthy. Stamp collecting is a better investment than many other hobbies. As stamps are miniature works of art, it's nearly impossible to collect them without gaining a large amount of knowledge.

Questions

1. Why is collecting stamps a flexible hobby?
2. When can a person start collecting stamps?
3. Who is a philatelist?
4. What are the reasons people collect stamps?
5. Why is stamp collecting a better investment compared to many other hobbies?



Fill in the blanks.

accumulation flexibility investment miniature
philatelists

1. His _____ made him a valuable employee.
2. Many _____ collect stamps for enjoyment.
3. Books are a good _____ because they impart knowledge.
4. His laziness caused the _____ of dirt in his room.
5. The boy was a _____ of his father.

About Yourself.

1. Do you have a hobby? Tell something about it.
2. Why do you think people engage in hobbies?
3. Is there a popular hobby in your country? What is it?
4. What hobby would you recommend to a teenager? senior citizen?
5. Can you think of weird hobby that someone you know likes to do?