

Stamp collecting

Do you know that more than 200 million people around the world enjoy stamp collecting? The first stamp appeared in Britain in 1840 and it was called the Penny Black. It had a picture of the queen of England on the front, but it didn't have a sticky back. People had to use their own glue to stick it to the envelope. Nowadays, more than 200 countries around the world produce their own stamps and some of them are miniature works of art. There have been lots of unusual stamps too. The Pacific island of Tonga once issued banana-shaped stamps and Australia issued stamps that looked like precious stones. However, the prize for the most unusual stamp goes to Bhutan. This country once produced stamps that looked like a record and you could actually play them on a record player!



1 The first stamp appeared more than 200 years ago.

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2 The Penny Black was a black stamp.

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3 Some stamps have beautiful drawings on them.

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4 Stamps are always rectangular.

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5 The Australian stamps were very expensive.

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6 You could listen to stamps from Bhutan.

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