READING TEXT 7

Why do people collect?

Petra Engels owns 19,571 erasers, Carol Vaughn has 1,221 bars of soap, and Ralf Shrőder has a collection of 14,502 packets of sugar. Many people love to collect things, but why? Psychologists and collectors have different opinions.

The psychologist Carl Jung believed that collecting is part of our ancient human history. Thousands of years ago, humans collected nuts and berries. They kept them carefully and ate them when there was no food. The best collectors survived long cold winters or seasons without rain. Their genes passed to future generations. Nowadays, we still have a collecting instinct.

Historian Philipp Bloom has a different opinion. He thinks collectors want to make something that will remain after their death. By bringing many similar items together, the collector gains historical importance. Sometimes their collections become museums or libraries, for example, Henry Huntington, who founded a library in Los Angeles to house his collection of books.

Author Steve Roach thinks that people collect things to remember their childhood. Many children collect things, but few have enough money to buy the things they really want, and they lose interest. In later life, they remember their collections fondly. Now, they have enough money and opportunity to find special items, and they start collecting again. This way, they can re-live and enjoy their childhood years.

1. What is the topic of the text?
   A. Ancient human history
   B. Childhood
   C. Psychologists and collectors
   D. Collecting things
2. How many packets of sugar does Ralf collect?
   A. 19,571
   B. 1000
   C. 1,221
   D. 14,502
3. What did people collect and keep carefully to survive long cold winters?
   A. sugar
   B. nuts and berries
   C. money

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D. books

4. Who thinks that the collectors wanted to make something that will remain after their death?
   A. Carl Jung
   B. Philipp Bloom
   C. Henry Huntington
   D. Steve Roach
5. Where is the library of Henry Huntington founded?
   A. Thousands of years ago
   B. Museum
   C. Los Angeles
   D. Historical place
6. The opinions of psychologists and collectors about collecting things are the same.
   A. True
   B. False
   C. NI
7. Nowadays we no longer collect things.
   A. True
   B. False
   C. NI
8. People learn about historical importance by bringing similar items together.
   A. True
   B. False
   C. NI
9. People collect things when they feel homesick
   A. True
   B. False
   C. NI
10. People lose interest because they have a lot of money to buy the things they really want.
    A. True
    B. False
    C. NI

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