

TEENS LEVEL 3: INTERESTING HOBBIES

Host: Welcome to the "Things People Do". Every week in the studio, we talk to three people who have unusual hobbies, or hobbies that have taken over their lives. So, let's meet this week's trio.

Kirsten: Hi, my name is Kirsten, and I collect celebrity autographs.

Dan: Hello, I'm Dan, and my hobby is visiting the homes of famous people.

Carlos: Hi there, I'm Carlos, and my friends and I are trying to break the world record for watching movies.

Host: So, Kirsten, you collect celebrity autographs. That isn't so unusual, but I understand you have a lot of autographs.

Kirsten: That's right. I have about 7,000.

Host: You have 7,000 autographs?

Kirsten: Yeah, approximately.

Host: How long have you been collecting them?

Kirsten: Well, I'm 22 now, and I got my first autograph when I was 6, I think. So, I've been collecting them for... 16 years?

Host: Okay, let's take a couple of questions from email. Someone writes "Where's the best place to get autographs?"

Kirsten: At movie premieres.

Host: Someone else writes, What's the most famous autograph you have?

Kirsten: Oh, you name it, I have them all.

Host: Do you have Madonna's autograph?

Kirsten: I sure do.

Host: Any chance you'd ever sell it?

Kirsten: Never.

Host: Dan, your hobby is visiting the homes of famous people, correct? **Dan:** That's right.

Host: How long have you been doing that?

Dan: Since I was little. My mom used to like looking for the places where movie stars lived, and she used to take me with her.

Host: Do you still go with your mom?

Dan: No, she kind of got tired of it. Now I go by myself, or with a friend. **Host:** So what do you do when you go to these places? Do you go to the door, ring the bell and say "Hi, I'm here, anybody home?"

Dan: Well, you usually can't get to the front door. Most famous people live in places with gates. I usually just take a picture and leave.

Host: And how many pictures do you have?

Dan: About 3,000.

Host: Wow, that's great. Now Carlos, your hobby has to do with movies, right?

Carlos: Yes, I'm a big movie fan. I go to the movies at least five times a week.

Host: Five times a week? That's a lot of movies.

Carlos: Well, sometimes I see the same movie more than once.

Host: So which movie have you seen the most?

Carlos: I think the one I've seen the most is *Titanic*.

Host: How many times have you seen it?

Carlos: Probably about a hundred.

Host: How long have you been going to the movies?

Carlos: Well, I went with my parents for the first time when I was four.

So I'd say about 20 years.

Host: And now you and your friends are planning to set a new world record?

Carlos: Yeah. We want to set the record for watching the most movies in a row.

Host: What's the record now?

Carlos: Well, it keeps changing. But there are some guys in Europe who watched 38 movies non-stop.

Host: That's crazy. Someone asks via email, what's your favorite movie of all time?

Carlos: Well, I guess it has to be *Titanic*.

NEW WORDS:

- **trio** (n) bộ ba
- **take over something** (v) chiếm lĩnh 1 cái gì
- **celebrity** = famous person (n) người nổi tiếng
- **autograph** (n) chữ ký
- **approximately** (adv) xấp xỉ
- **premier** (n) buổi ra mắt
- **gate** (n) cái cổng
- **set a world record** (v) lập kỷ lục thế giới
- **non-stop** (adj) không ngừng
- **via** (v) thông qua