

Listening and vocabulary UNIT 8

1 Listen to a boy talking about collecting things and choose the correct answers.

- Which of the following statements is NOT mentioned as a reason for collecting things?
 - Children like having many colourful things.
 - Children enjoy exchanging things with friends.
 - They can make money selling the collection.
- Why did the boy start to see his collection as an investment?
 - He sold an old comic book on eBay.
 - Somebody he knew got a lot of money for a comic book.
 - He learnt how much a Superman comic cost.
- They boy usually buys
 - new comic books in bookstores.
 - old comic books online.
 - used comic books from several different places.
- What advice does the boy give to young collectors?
 - Make money by selling old T-shirts.
 - Don't throw away old things.
 - Organise a collection properly.

2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

money goldmine reach roughly loads

- Sue didn't realise she was sitting on a _____ until she offered her stamps for sale.
- It's time to stop fighting and try to _____ a compromise instead.
- He bought a broken bike, repaired it and sold for three times as much. Easy _____!
- Rick made _____ of money from selling his collection of old records.
- Can you estimate _____ how much your art collection is worth?

3 Read the texts and write the correct names for the places where people buy and sell things.

- When I wanted to get rid of my old books, I asked dad to take me to that special market. I changed dad's van into a shop for the day and sold almost everything.
c _____ b _____ s _____
- Before opening his own greengrocer's, my uncle started selling fruit and vegetables at weekends. He just put some tables together and began selling what he had grown in his garden.
m _____ s _____
- There is one on my way to school. Honestly, everything you find there is no more than 99 pence.
p _____ s _____
- I go there quite often – you can not only find cheap clothes there, but you also help to raise money for the poor.
c _____ s _____
- I bought this second-hand tablet last week. It was a real bargain, but in order to be successful, I had to keep an eye on the site all day to make sure my offer was the best.
o _____ a _____
- My smartphone has broken. I need to buy a replacement, but I can't afford a new one. Where can I get a used mobile?
s _____ -h _____ s _____

4 Translate the Polish parts of the sentences into English. Use the correct form of the verbs below.

pay off badger invest make trade

- Tom _____ (zainwestował dużo pieniędzy w sztukę), but it didn't bring him the fortune he had hoped for.
- When Tom _____ (zarobił wystarczająco dużo pieniędzy), he sold his company and stopped working.
- Nobody knows if _____ (ten biznes się opłaci), but we should take the risk.
- Ruth _____ (namawia rodziców, żeby kupili) her a new games console for months.
- I love my old bike. I wouldn't _____ (zamieniałbym go na) anything in the world!

5 Decide if the same word can be used to complete both sentences in each pair (✓) or not (✗). Then complete the sentences with the correct word.

1 value / worth ☐

- How much do you think the house is _____?
- I believe the necklace is definitely _____ spending all your pocket money on.

2 worthless / priceless ☐

- These antiques are _____. They are 400 years old and he doesn't intend to sell them.
- This ring is _____ – it's made of plastic, not gold.

3 valuable / worthy ☐

- Paul's a _____ member of the local community – he supports quite a few charities.
- Running a marathon to raise money for a sick girl is a _____ cause.

4 valuable / worthy ☐

- He works in a charity shop as a volunteer – it's a very _____ thing, isn't it?
- Tom's _____ advice helped me to make the right decision.

5 value / worth ☐

- The thieves have taken some jewellery, but nothing of any great _____.
- We should _____ her knowledge and experience – they are truly impressive.