

# 1 READING



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## World Record Collections

Some people are into collecting things, like books, <sup>1</sup>watches, T-shirts and other objects. Some collections are famous because they're very <sup>2</sup>..... They're in the *Guinness World Records*.

**A**

Tushar Lakhanpal is a <sup>3</sup>..... from India with an amazing collection of 19,824 pencils. They're from 40 <sup>4</sup>..... countries. Tushar's pencils are many sizes and colours. One of his pencils is very big – about 2.5 metres long. That's fantastic!

**B**

Linda Guillory is an <sup>5</sup>..... woman from Texas, in the USA. She's into video games and she's got a huge collection of 2,430 games consoles. Linda's got some new ones, but many of her consoles are <sup>6</sup>....., from the 1980s. Her favourite game is *The Legend of Zelda*.

**C**

Lori-Ann Keenan is a <sup>7</sup>..... from Canada. She's a fan of sunglasses and there are 2,174 different pairs in her personal collection. Lori-Ann's sunglasses are from more than 30 countries around the world and many are <sup>8</sup>..... from her family and friends.

What about you?  
Are you a collector?

### A blog

1 ☆☆☆ Read the *Skill UP!* Then read the blog quickly. Match the topics with the parts of the blog (A–C).

- 1 A big collection of sunglasses.  
A Part A    B Part B    C Part C
- 2 A man who's got a lot of pencils.  
A Part A    B Part B    C Part C
- 3 A woman who's into games consoles.  
A Part A    B Part B    C Part C



Some texts have two or more parts, called paragraphs. Each paragraph has a topic or main idea.

2 ☆☆☆ Read the blog again. Complete the text with the words in the box.

American   big   collector   different   gifts   man  
old   watches

3 ★★★ Match the two parts to make complete sentences.

There are two letters that you don't need.

- 1 E Some people collect things,
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ There are some big collections
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ In Tushar Lakhanpal's collection,
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Guillory is interested in
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Many of Lori-Ann's sunglasses

- A old games consoles from the 1980s.  
 B in the *Guinness World Records*.  
 C because they're very big and famous.  
 D are from her friends and other people.  
 E ~~like pencils, games and sunglasses.~~  
 F 2,430 places around the world.  
 G there are many different pencils.

4 ★★★ Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 Lexi's blog is about ~~small~~ collections.  
Lexi's blog is about big collections.
- 2 There are 19,824 pens in Tushar's collection.  
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- 3 Linda is a video game fan from the UK.  
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- 4 Many of Linda's games consoles are new.  
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- 5 There are 2,714 pairs of sunglasses in Lori-Ann's collection.  
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- 6 Lori-Ann's sunglasses are from 40 different countries.  
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5 ★★★ Complete the sentences with one word from the blog.

- 1 These people are famous for their collections.
- 2 Wow! That's an a \_\_\_\_\_ world record!
- 3 His pencils are different s \_\_\_\_\_. Some are small and some are big.
- 4 There are 2,430 games consoles. It's a h \_\_\_\_\_ collection.
- 5 I think *Minecraft* is a f \_\_\_\_\_ video game.
- 6 There's a p \_\_\_\_\_ of yellow sunglasses. I think they're great!
- 7 There are 195 different countries in the w \_\_\_\_\_ today.

6 ★★★ What do you think about the three collections in Lexi's blog? Write two sentences about each collection.

I think Tushar's collection is great because ...  
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7 ★★★ Imagine you're a collector. Answer the questions about your collection:

- What do you collect?
- How big is your collection?
- Where are the things from?
- What's your favourite thing in the collection?

I collect comic books.  
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