

1 READING



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World Record Collections

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

A

Tushar Lakhpal is a ³..... from India with an amazing collection of 19,824 pencils. They're from ⁴..... 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 ⁵..... 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 ⁶....., from the 1980s. Her favourite game is *The Legend of Zelda*.

C

Lori-Ann Keenan is a ⁷..... 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 ⁸..... 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 Lakhpal'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.

3 Linda is a video game fan from the UK.

4 Many of Linda's games consoles are new.

5 There are 2,714 pairs of sunglasses in Lori-Ann's collection.

6 Lori-Ann's sunglasses are from 40 different countries.

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 ...

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.

