

THE CUP-HOLDER

Mr Custer was happy. On his desk was a new computer. It was a really good one with a DVD and a great flatscreen. After two weeks he phoned the computer shop. "I like my new computer very much," he said, "but I've got a big problem with it." "What is it?" the shop assistant asked. "It's the cup-holder," said Mr Custer. "I don't understand," the man at the shop said. "What cup-holder?" "The cup-holder at the front of the computer doesn't work. It goes in and spills my coffee." The cup-holder was the DVD drive.



MODERN ART

Mrs Caroline Smith started work as a cleaning lady in the Museum of Modern Art. The director asked her to clean a room on the first floor. Two hours later Mrs Smith finished and asked what to do next. The director checked her work. He returned with a look of horror on his face.

The room was certainly clean. The floor and the windows were clean. But he also noticed that part of a modern sculpture was missing. The sculpture was an old jacket over a computer screen. On the jacket there were two roses. But the jacket and the roses weren't there. "Where's the jacket with the roses?" the director asked Mrs Smith. "Oh, that old thing!" she answered. "I cleaned it away! And the roses too!" The sculpture was worth £50,000!

2 Read again and match the sentence halves.

- 1 Mr Custer liked
- 2 Mr Custer phoned
- 3 The shop assistant asked
- 4 Mr Custer used
- 5 Mrs Smith worked
- 6 The museum director was
- 7 Mrs Smith decided
- 8 Mrs Smith cleaned away

- a Mr Custer about his problem.
- b in a museum.
- c not happy with Mrs Smith.
- d the sculpture.
- e the computer shop.
- f his computer.
- g the sculpture was rubbish.
- h the DVD drive for a cup holder.

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