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Writing and Art

If you could collect anything, what would it be and why?

Draw a picture and write about it.

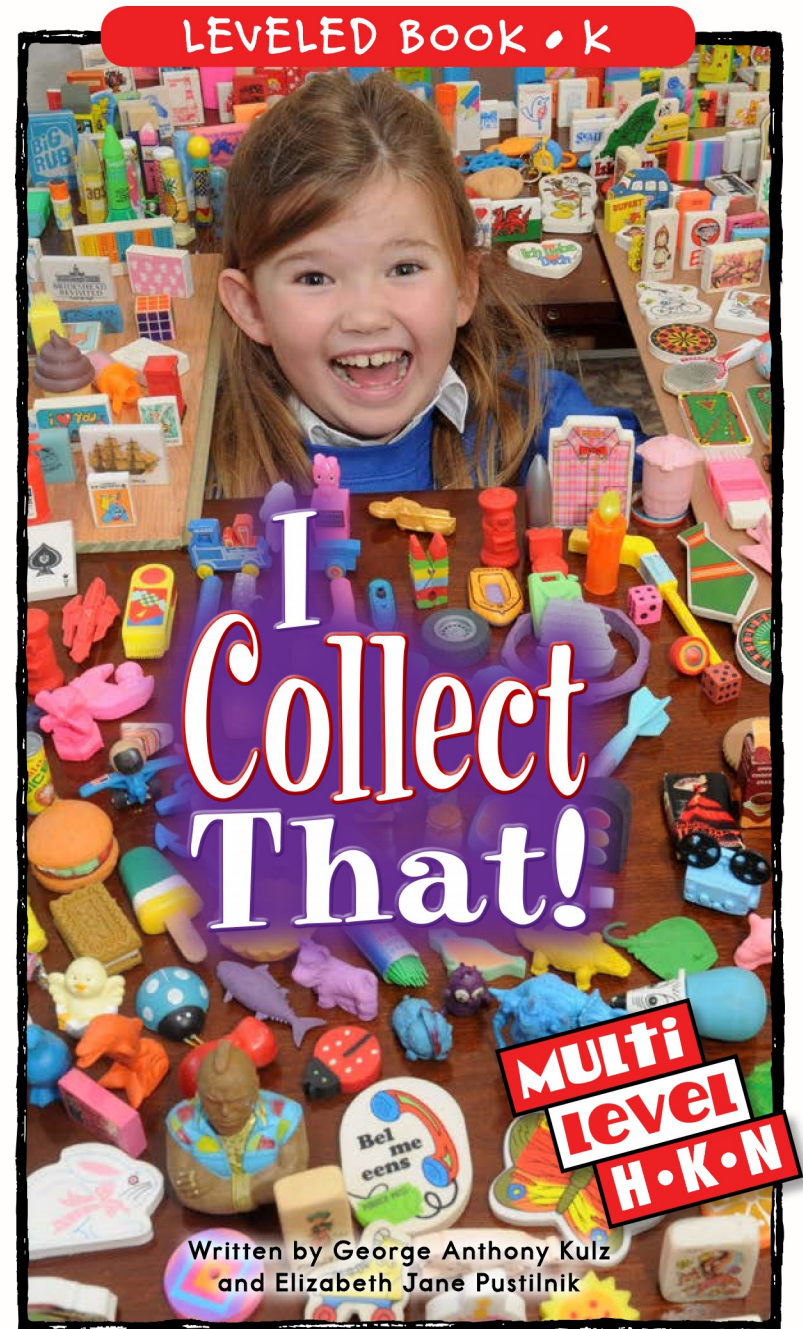
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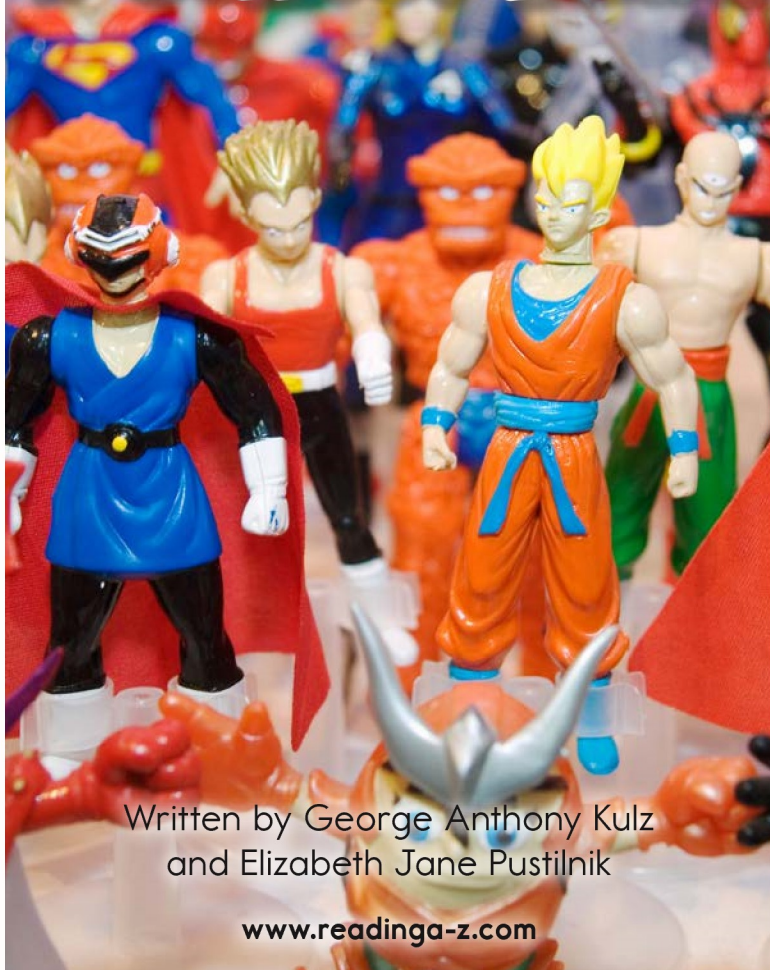
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Focus Question

What is a collection, and what kinds of things can be found in a collection?

Words to Know

alike	keepsake
collection	popular
hobby	type

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Both kids and adults enjoy collecting stuffed animals.

Introduction

Do you own a few stuffed animals or video games? Then you have a **collection!**

A collection is a group of objects that are **alike**. People collect all sorts of things. Some people collect rocks, while other people collect stickers.



It can be fun to count how many items you have in your collection.



This girl and her father gather leaves for her collection.

Collecting Is Cool

Having a collection is a great **hobby**. People collect things that excite them and keep their interest.

People have different interests. Some people like action figures, while others prefer leaves.

You can collect sports cards of athletes who play now or those who played in the past.



Collections can be big or small. One person might have one hundred toy cars. Another person might have twenty sports cards.



Two boys look through many stamps at the 2016 World Stamp Convention held in New York City.

Collecting can bring people together. Meeting and talking to people who collect the same things can help you learn more about your collection. You can also buy, sell, and trade parts of your collection.

Do You Know?

Collectors often get together at meetings called *conventions*. Large conventions take place around the world for collectors of all types of things—from dollhouses to toy trains.

Having a collection can be hard work. Many collectors like to care for their collections. They keep count of what they own. They keep their objects clean. They also usually sort their collection. For example, they may sort by age, size, or **type**.



A boy uses a magnifying glass to look at stamps in his collection.



Two children organize their coin collection.

Common Collections

Stamps, coins, trading cards, and dolls are some of the most **popular** things people collect. These items are often easy to find, and there are many different kinds.

Math Minute

Emma has 34 bookmarks in her collection. She gets 11 more for her birthday. How many bookmarks does she have now?

Answer: 45

Some people collect things from places they visit. When they go somewhere new, they buy a **keepsake** to remind them of that place. It might be a magnet or mug with the name and picture of the place.

Other people collect things they find in nature, such as sticks and shells.



It can be hard work to find a beautiful shell, but it's worth the effort.



Some collectors use bottle caps to make art instead of throwing them away.

Many people use their collections to make new things. Some collectors make works of art, such as a map made out of bottle caps. Others make jewelry, like a necklace made from sea glass.



Pam Barker proudly shows some of the many owls in her collection.

You Collect What?

Some people collect different things based on a theme. One woman's collection of eighteen thousand owls is a world

record. She has many different owl things, including T-shirts, stuffed animals, and more.

Wowser!

Barney Smith opened the Toilet Seat Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas, to show the more than one thousand toilet seats in his collection. They aren't regular toilet seats—they're works of art!



There are many different types of fruit stickers. They come in all different shapes, colors, and sizes.

Start Your Own Collection

You can start a collection of anything that interests you. People collect soap, hats, and even dirt or sand from different places. Check out the stickers on fruit in your kitchen. One woman has over ten thousand fruit stickers!

Collections can be really strange. Some people collect air sickness bags. Others collect lists left behind in food stores!

Having a collection is a fun way to spend time, meet friends, and learn new things. If you don't already have a collection, maybe it's time to start one.



Dieter Kapsch is a flight attendant who has collected more than 1,500 spoons from hundreds of different airlines.

Glossary

alike (*adj.*)

like someone or something else; similar (p. 5)

collection (*n.*)

a group of similar items that belong together or that someone chooses to save (p. 4)

hobby (*n.*)

an activity done for fun (p. 6)

keepsake (*n.*)

an object that is kept to remember a special person or event (p. 11)

popular (*adj.*)

accepted, liked, or enjoyed by many people (p. 10)

type (*n.*)

a group of things that have something in common (p. 9)