Collections

Do you collect anything? Does anyone in your family? People collect all kinds of things for all kinds of reasons, some of which might be a mystery to others. Most people collect things simply because they like them or because they have a special meaning to them, such as items relating to a sports team’s victory. They may also enjoy the excitement that comes with the discovery of a new item. Of course, some people collect valuable objects or items they think will gain in value.

A collection can be made up of just about anything that you find interesting. Contrary to what many people believe, collections can be made up of ordinary objects. They do not have to be rare or hard to find, or even expensive. In fact, many collections consist of found items, like rocks, shells, or bottle caps. Collections can be organized by category, such as size or color. They can also be organized by age or condition or some other attribute. People often make an inventory, or list, of the items in their collections. That way, they know what they have and what they would like to add.

Some people actually study the history of collecting. Others talk to people to try to develop a theory of why collectors collect. Most experts feel that the skills people use in collecting are valuable and that kids should be encouraged to start collections. And, of course, there’s the primary reason to start a collection: it’s fun!