

ESL Conversation Club: Collectibles

Warm-up:

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose.
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Warm-up:

She sells seashells by the seashore,
The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure.
So if she sells seashells on the seashore,
Then I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

- Do you collect anything? What is it, and why do you like collecting it?
- Have you ever received a collectible item as a gift? What was it, and who gave it to you?
- What types of collectibles are popular in your country or culture?
- Do you know anyone else who collects something interesting? What do they collect?
- How do you feel when you add a new item to your collection?
- Have you ever traded or exchanged collectible items with friends or family members?
- Are there any collectible items that have sentimental value to you? Why are they special?
- What is the oldest item you have in your collection? Where did you get it?
- Do you display your collectibles at home, or do you keep them in a special place?

- Have you ever attended a collector's fair or event? What was it like?
- How do you take care of your collectibles to keep them in good condition?
- Have you ever lost or misplaced a valuable collectible? How did you feel?
- What's the most unique or rare item in your collection? How did you find it?
- Do you enjoy learning about the history and background of the collectibles you have?
- Have you ever sold or given away any of your collectibles? Why did you do it?
- Do you have any collectibles that remind you of your childhood or a special memory?
- Are there any collectibles that you wish to have in your collection one day?
- Do you think collecting items is a fun and rewarding hobby? Why or why not?



Vocabulary to Practice

- **Collectible:** Noun - An item or object that people collect as a hobby because of its rarity, historical significance, or value. Example: "Coins and stamps are popular collectibles among hobbyists."
- **Collection:** Noun - A group of objects or items that are gathered and kept as a hobby or for interest. Example: "She has a large collection of vintage postcards from around the world."
- **Hobby:** Noun - An activity or interest pursued for pleasure and relaxation during one's leisure time. Example: "Stamp collecting is a hobby that requires patience and attention to detail."
- **Valuable:** Adjective - Having worth, importance, or monetary value. Example: "The rare baseball card is valuable and sought after by collectors."
- **Rarity:** Noun - The quality of being uncommon, scarce, or unusual, making an item more desirable to collectors. Example: "The limited edition comic book is a rarity among comic collectors."
- **Antique:** Noun - A collectible item that is old and often considered to be of historical or artistic value. Example: "The antique shop is full of unique and valuable objects."
- **Memorabilia:** Noun - Objects or items associated with a particular event, person, or period, often collected for sentimental reasons. Example: "He collects music memorabilia from his favorite bands."
- **Display:** Verb - To present or show collectibles or objects in a way that is visible and attractive. Example: "She likes to display her figurines on a shelf in the living room."
- **Value:** Noun - The importance or worth of an object, often based on its rarity or demand among collectors. Example: "The value of the vintage toy has increased over the years."
- **Curate:** Verb - To select, organize, and take care of a collection of items for display or preservation. Example: "The museum curates a diverse collection of artworks."
- **Acquire:** Verb - To obtain or get possession of collectibles through purchase, exchange, or discovery. Example: "He acquired a rare coin from an auction."
- **Authenticity:** Noun - The quality of being genuine, real, or original, especially in collectible items. Example: "The expert verified the authenticity of the ancient artifact."

