



## Stamps: reading tasks

- 1 Answer the following questions about collecting things:
  - a Do you like collecting things? If yes, what?
  - b What are popular things for people to collect in your country?
  - c Is stamp collecting popular? If yes, why do you think this is?
  
- 2 Answer these questions about stamps from your own country:
  - a Do you have first and second class stamps?
  - b What is the price of a stamp to send a letter?
  - c Are the stamps adhesive, or self-adhesive?
  - d When was the last time you sent a stamped personal letter (not a business one)?
  
- 3 Read the paragraphs and decide which paragraph answers which question. One has been done for you as an example.
  - 1 Why do you collect stamps? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 What did you find out about the history? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 What about their designs? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 What about other countries? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 What's your favourite stamp? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 What's the most expensive stamp in the world?  B   
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- 4 Find the following in the text:
  - a something you didn't agree with
  - b something you thought was interesting / funny
  - c something you thought was boring
  - d something that you knew already
  - e something you didn't understand
  
- 5 Look at this website <http://www.postalheritage.org.uk> and answer these questions:
  - a Click **Stamp of the Month**. What is the stamp this month?
  - b Click **The Post of Christmas Past**. When was the first Christmas card sent? How many Christmas cards were sent in 2005?
  - c Click **Shop** at the top of the page. What kinds of things can you buy? How much do the T shirts cost?