

Unit 4

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Reader's Notebook: Weird Zone

Questions for Weird Zone

Write your responses to the questions below.

Before Reading

Answer the following questions before you read this selection:

1.	Why do you think people enjoy collecting things?	Just for fun, have a great interest in it, sentimental reasons, other family members or friends collect them.
2.	What is the most unusual collection you have ever seen or heard about?	Examples from book: gum wrappers, traffic lights, garden gnomes, rubber ducks, toilet seat art, mini toy buildings.
3.	If you could collect anything at all, what would it be?	Answers will vary.

During Reading

Pick your favourite two collections from the articles and draw or explain to complete this chart below.

What is the collection?	Who is collecting?	How many?	Interesting detail
Gum wrapper, Traffic lights/road signs, Garden gnomes, Rubber ducks, Toilet seat art, Miniature toy buildings	Gary Dushl, John Rietveld, Ann Atkin, Charlotte Lee, Barney Smith, David Weingarten	More than 1 million, More than 70 traffic signals, 600 road signs, 2000 gnome figures, 1439 rubber ducks, 640 pieces of toilet seat art, 3000 mini toy buildings	Gum wrapper chain longest in world, Traffic signals light up, She opened a Gnome Reserve so people can see them, Collected since 1996, All hang in his garage, Has buildings from nearly 1200 places around the world

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After Reading

Complete the following questions:

1.	Which collection was the most interesting and why?	Answers will vary.
2.	What problems might the people with these collections have (For example: Enough space to keep them? Where are they shared?)	Where they are stored, how they have room for all their other stuff, do neighbours complain? They may be distracting.
3.	If you had to have one of these collections living next to you, which would you choose? Why?	Answers will vary.