

05 SPORTS AND INTERESTS

WATCH

A Watch the video. Answer these questions.

- 1 What does Yvonne collect? _____
- 2 How did she get into collecting? _____

- 3 When did she start collecting? _____
- 4 What places has she bought items for her collection from? _____

- 5 What is the size of her collection? _____
- 6 Where does she keep her collection? _____

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversation in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

Nicholas *So what do you do in your free time? Do you have any strange or unusual hobbies?*

Yvonne Well, it's not very strange, but I collect tea bags.

Nicholas ¹ _____ ?

Yvonne I collect tea bags.

Nicholas You mean the little bags for making tea
² _____ with hot water?

Yvonne Yes. Well, not really the bags, actually. I collect the ... I'm not sure of the word ... the envelopes.

Nicholas Seriously? This is something you really do?

Yvonne Yes.

Nicholas *No!* ³ _____ ?

Yvonne Is it really so strange? Lots of people collect things.

Nicholas Yes, but nobody collects tea bag envelopes!

Yvonne Lots of people do. You've just never met them. I'm a member of an online collectors' forum and I've made friends ⁴ _____ there – from Iceland, Brazil, Canada, Israel. *We keep in touch and we exchange things from our countries.* It's nice.

Nicholas It's weird!

Yvonne *Everyone is weird. In different ways.*

Nicholas Yes, maybe. But I'm still shocked. Really! So ... um ... how did you start this?
⁵ _____ tea bags? I feel very strange asking this question!

Yvonne *It's a good question!* When I was a young child, my father
⁶ _____ for work to lots of different countries and I always asked him to buy me presents. I think he didn't want to spend too much money every time he went somewhere, so he started to bring back tea bags from hotels for me and he ⁷ _____ about each country and each hotel, so I started thinking that tea bags were a kind of symbol. Like a little piece of different places.

Nicholas OK. I can understand how that could happen. *And how long*
⁸ _____ ? Since you were a child?

Yvonne Yes, more or less. To begin with, I used to just buy different kinds of tea from my local shop and then I started going to foreign food shops near my house and buying tea there and then I moved on to Internet collecting.

Nicholas *You* ⁹ _____ !

Yvonne I guess so, but I have a normal life as well, OK! I have a boyfriend and a part-time job in my country. I'm not crazy or anything.

Nicholas No, no. I never said you were. *How many do you have then?* How many envelopes ... or bags?

Yvonne I think I have about four and a half thousand.

Nicholas Seriously? That many? *Where do you keep them all? They*
¹⁰ _____ .

Yvonne I have special books that I keep them all inside, and I write down on my computer every one I have and photograph them and everything. The forum that I'm a member of is in the middle of making a giant catalogue of all the different kinds we know about.

Nicholas OK! This is a book that maybe I don't need in my life.

Yvonne Yeah, well ... what about you? Do you collect anything? Or have any interesting hobbies?