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**ANSWER KEY**

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**Unit 5****A**

- 1 She collects the envelopes that tea bags come in.
- 2 Her dad used to travel for work a lot and she always used to ask him to buy her presents. He didn't want to spend too much money on things, so started bringing back tea bags from hotels.
- 3 When she was a young child.
- 4 To begin with, she just used to buy different kinds of tea from her local shop, then she started going to foreign food stores near her house and then moved on to the Internet.
- 5 She's got about four and a half thousand.
- 6 She keeps them all in a special book – and has them catalogued on the Internet.

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- 1 You do what
- 2 that you put in a cup
- 3 You're kidding, right
- 4 from all over the world
- 5 How did you get interested in
- 6 used to travel a lot
- 7 would tell me stories
- 8 have you been collecting
- 9 must be quite serious
- 10 must take a lot of space

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**VIDEO SCRIPT**

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- 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     You do what?
- Yvonne       I collect tea bags.
- Nicholas     You mean the little bags for making tea that you put in a cup 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! You're kidding, right?
- 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 from all over the world 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? How did you get interested in tea bags? I feel very strange asking this question!
- Yvonne       It's a good question! When I was a young child, my father used to travel a lot 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 would tell me stories 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 have you been collecting? 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 must be quite serious!
- 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 must take a lot of space.
- 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?