

Start a Collection

With Some Help from the Smithsonian!

Starting a collection is lots of fun! You can collect all sorts of different things. If you like sports, you can collect autographs or baseball cards. If you like to go camping, you can start a rock or fossil collection. If you are a big music fan, you can collect posters of your favorite bands. And if you like to travel, you can collect postcards or maps from everywhere you go. It's up to you!

It's not hard to build a collection.

You just have to know where to start. To test your knowledge, try to match each item with the place where it might be found. ANSWERS ARE IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER, UPSIDE DOWN.

When you're done, visit the *Smithsonian Kids: Collecting* website for more collecting tips! www.SmithsonianEducation.org/Kids



A



B



C



D



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

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FUN FACT:

The Smithsonian's collections contain more than 143 million objects.



FUN FACT:

The Smithsonian owns 35 million insect specimens!

FUN FACT:

The Smithsonian owns coins that are more than 2,000 years old!



FUN FACT:

On the inverted "Jenny" stamp, the airplane was printed upside down by mistake!

Answers: 1.D, 2.C, 3.B, 4.A