

A. Complete the chart.

Ex.	great	greater	the greatest
1.	easy		
2.	good		
3.	strange		
4.	boring		
5.	funny		
6.	intelligent		
7.	bad		
8.	organised		

B. Look at the chart and complete the sentences.

	Tim	Sandra	Mike
Funny	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★
Organised	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
A fast swimmer	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★
A good singer	★ ★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- Tim is friend I have. **(funny)**
- Sandra is Tim. **(A fast swimmer)**
- Mike is student in our class. **(organised)**
- Sandra is **Mike. (funny)**
- Tim is Sandra. **(organised)**
- Mike is in the classroom. **(A good singer)**

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UNUSUAL COLLECTIONS

Hobbies differ like tastes. If you have chosen a hobby according to your character and taste you are lucky because your life becomes more interesting. Collecting things is a very popular hobby. Almost everyone collects something at some period of their life: stamps, coins, books, records, postcards toys, etc. There are also people who collect unusual things. Here are three examples.

Tony De Santis is an Italian magician. He owns the largest collection of Joker playing cards. He has 8,520 Joker cards. He got the idea in 1988 while playing a card game. Tony's collection is unique because all the Joker images on his cards are different. Tony travels to markets all over the world to find new items for his collection. He spends a lot of money on these joker cards. Some of his cards are very rare. He displays them on a wall.

Marketing and investment consultant Niek Vermeulen of the Netherlands built up the world's largest collection of airsickness bags with over 3,700 bags from over 800 different airlines. He holds the Guinness world record since 1986. One day, Niek used a sickbag to note down during a flight and put the bag in his briefcase. The idea for his collection was born. One can tell a lot about an airline's image from their airsickness bags. Some bags have no patterns on them, while others can win international design competitions. Niek and his family fly abroad each year and collect sickbags. His friends also help Niek. They bring him any unusual bags they come across in their travels. His favourite bag is an airsickness bag from the NASA space shuttle Columbia which spent 16 days in space.

Ahanjit Bhattacharya collects unclaimed money he found on streets. He started it in a strange way. While he was waiting at an empty bus-stop to catch the last bus to his home, he saw something near his feet. It was a one dollar bill! There was nobody around to claim it. While returning home, he wondered how much money one could collect this way. He decided to find out. He started collecting any unclaimed money he found on his way. In one year he collected \$17.91. In addition, he also found a 10 Euro cent, 5 GBP pence, 1 peso (Mexico) and 50 won (South Korea). This means that there's probably thousands of dollars flying around on the streets.

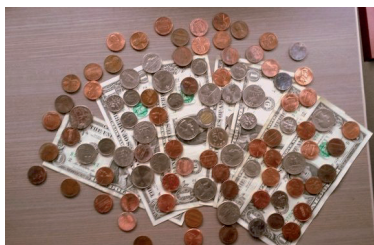
C. Match the people with their collections.

A. Tony De Santis

B. Niek Vermeulen

C. Ahanjit Bhattacharya

1.



2.



3.



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D. Answer the questions according to the text.

1. What makes Tony's collection unique?

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2. Where does Tony keep his cards?

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3. When did he get the idea to collect Joker cards?

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4. Where does Tony find the Joker cards?

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5. The idea for Niek's collection was born when a friend gave him an airsickness bag. **TRUE FALSE**

6. Which bag does Niek like best?

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7. How many bags did Niek collect?

8. How long has it been since Niek holds the Guinness world record?

9. Where did Ahanjit find unclaimed money for the first time?

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10. Ahanjit found some foreign coins, too.

TRUE FALSE

11. Why did Ahanjit start collecting unclaimed money?

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