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### Word CHANGER

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W H A L E

Cures, makes well

Calls out to

Train tracks

Fragile, weak

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# COLLECTIONS

ARE you a collector?

You might be and not even know it.

For example, you might have a collection of toys or comic books.

Perhaps you have possessions that have been passed down from an older family member, like model cars, dolls, action figures, coins, postage stamps or old books.

Sometimes items such as these, and many others - if they are old, or rare, or unusual, or just

popular with people who take collecting seriously - can be quite valuable, or even very valuable.

Flowing Hair dollars were the first dollar coins issued by the United States government.

Released in 1794 and 1795, they are now extremely rare.

A Flowing Hair dollar coin sold at auction in 2013 for more than \$13.6 million.

The world's most famous rare stamp, the British Guiana 1-Cent Magenta, sold at auction in 2014

for about \$12.89 million.

Stamps and coins are interesting examples of collectables, because it is not just their age, rarity or condition that impacts on their value.

Very valuable stamps, for example, often have a special quality.

This might be to do with the beauty of the design, or the person, animal or historical event the stamp celebrates.

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"Education perhaps more than anything else is a passport to a better life." - Peter Underwood AC

# Collection challenge

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A fault, or error, in the stamp can also increase its value.

A Swedish stamp known as 'Treskilling Yellow', sold for more than \$3.5 million in 2010.

Its rarity and value is due to a printing error, with yellow being used instead of the usual green.

Some small countries even raise money by printing small amounts of interesting stamps, knowing collectors will buy them.

There are of course plenty of examples of items that were made specifically for collectors, with the most obvious being trading cards.

Pokemon trading cards are hugely popular around the world, and some attract bids of thousands of dollars when they go on sale.

The rarest in the world, the 'No.1 Trainer' cards, are probably worth more than \$100,000.

There are also many varieties of sports trading cards.

A baseball card featuring American star Mike Trout was sold in August this year for more than \$5 million.

The special qualities that can make postage stamps valuable also apply to other collectable items.

There is a huge market around the world for antiques.

Antiques are usually considered to be an item which is more than 100 years old and valued for its quality and historical significance.

And once again, the rarity of the item, can add greatly to the price tag.

A 900-year-old Chinese porcelain brush-washing bowl sold for more than \$36 million in 2012.

An item might have an interesting story

attached to it. Instruments which were once used by famous musicians, or sports equipment which belonged to a legend of a sport, are examples.

There are no doubt items gathering dust in old sheds or tucked away in storage cupboards in Tasmania, which while unlikely to be worth millions, are more valuable than their owners realise.

Of course the value of an item to a particular person is usually not just monetary.

People tend to hold onto items which have a special meaning to them.

It might be because that item brings back special memories of their childhood, or of a much-loved family member.

Sometimes people just collect certain things because they like having them around.

For example, some people collect old bicycles, because their history or the way they were built is interesting to them.

They might also enjoy restoring old things to their former glory, which is a common motivation for collectors.

Museums are a place where collections of objects of importance and interest are stored and put on display for people to experience and enjoy.

These collections are generally of historical, scientific, artistic or cultural value.

There are some great museums and art galleries in Tasmania, including Children's University Tasmania learning



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List all the items and include any details you know or can find out about them - age, appearance, quality, special features etc.

If you don't personally have a collection, perhaps ask an adult family member if there are any collections or interesting items, such as antiques, at your home, and find out as much about their history as you can.

Ask for an adult family member's permission before handling anything that might be valuable or breakable.

Present your findings in a creative way.

Children's University Tasmania members can earn stamps in their passports for this challenge, at the discretion of their school coordinator.

destinations such as the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Galley (QVMAG) in Launceston, and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in Hobart.

The University of Tasmania also has many important collections.

Do you have a collection at home?

**Your challenge** is to make a catalogue of all the items in the collection.

## Live show to discuss Christmas marketing

CHRISTMAS is an exciting time of year for many of us.

And giving and receiving presents on Christmas Day is a fun thing to do.

But do people sometimes become too concerned with buying expensive gifts for family and friends at Christmas and overspend on their budgets?

It is, after all, the thought that counts.

This week's session of UCTV *Alive for Kids*, the Peter Underwood Centre's interactive, live show, will discuss Christmas marketing, advertising and shopping.

University of Tasmania Senior Lecturer in Marketing, Dr Louise



Grimmer, will lead the session, which will be targeted at Year 5-6 students, but is open to people of all ages.

The broadcast will be delivered via Zoom webinar from 9:15am-10am on Wednesday December 9, with child safe protocols in place.

If you would like to participate, please register by December 8, via the Peter Underwood Centre Facebook page:

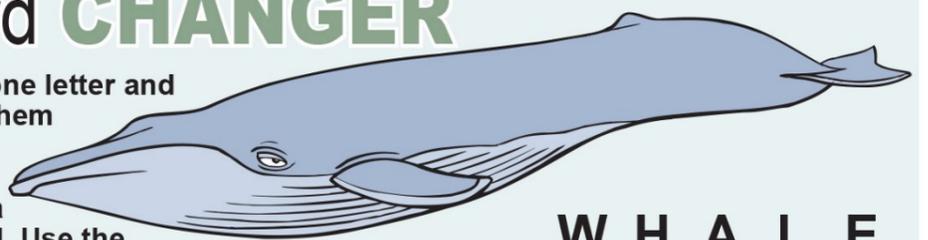
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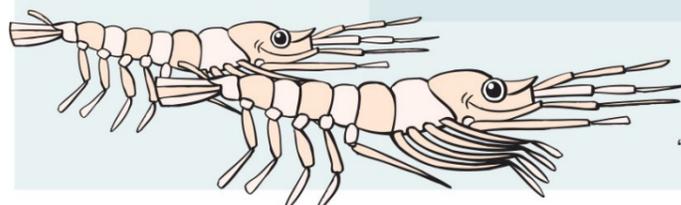
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SOLUTION: WHALE, whale, halls, rails, trail, frill, KRILL.