



Segment 5 (Units 9–12)

Collector's corner

Genre: Home network show

Viewing Time: 2:11

Background Information

Programs such as *Antiques Road Show* travel to cities around the United States and Britain, inviting viewers to bring along family heirlooms and other “treasures” for valuation by experts in the world of art, antiques, and collectibles. The home audience enjoys watching to see if the objects are worth a lot of money or just a little.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

memorabilia: *things that you keep or collect because they relate to a famous person, event, or time*

pennant: *a long, pointed flag used by schools, sports teams, etc., or on ships as a sign*

rare: *not seen or found very often, or not happening very often*

statistics: *a collection of numbers that represent facts or measurements*

Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. baseball cards, balls, photos, pennants, other sports memorabilia
2. \$2, \$14, \$1,500
3. They are customers in a shop and shop assistants
4. It's about collecting things / shopping for collectors' items.

In-Depth Viewing

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| 1. collect | 4. old |
| 2. Baseball | 5. rare |
| 3. favorite | |



Video Script

Narrator: . . . Welcome back to *Collector's Corner!* If you're a fan of our show, you know that people love to collect things. And even more people love sports! That's why sports memorabilia—such as balls, photos, and pennants—are really popular collector's items. Sports fans who like to collect things are going to love visiting this store! Just look at all this exciting stuff!

Baseball card collecting began in the late 1800s. Up until the 1960s, only kids collected—and traded—the cards. But nowadays, collecting them is a serious business for many adults. In a recent year, collectors bought over 20 billion new cards! That's *billion*, with a *b!*

A baseball card shows a picture of a baseball player and gives some statistics and other interesting facts about him. Some people like to collect cards of their favorite players or teams. Others only look for cards that are worth a lot of money. Cards are more valuable if they are rare, or if they are old, but in good condition. They are also more valuable if a famous player signed them.

OK, now it's time for a quiz. How much do *you* think the most expensive baseball card in the world cost?

Well, let's see what they have in this store . . .

\$2? Not even close! Guess again!

\$14?

\$1,500?!

That's still nowhere near enough! No, some serious collectors can pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a single baseball card. A very rare card might be worth at least \$250,000!

OK, maybe you think it's crazy to pay that much money for a baseball card. But think about it—if you had enough money, is there something you collect that you would spend \$250,000 for?

And now, back to Jim and viewer Bob Davis. He's brought his collection of Boston Red Sox baseball cards and pennants to share with our experts.