

The hobby of

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Stamp collecting is the hobby of kings and the king of hobbies. It is one of the world's biggest hobbies, as there are 20 million people who collect stamps in China alone! You can also be a stamp collector, it's very easy. This month we are focusing on collecting stamps...

Where to find stamps

Although many collectors collect mint (unused) stamps, other collections are only made up of used stamps and other collections consist of both.

Sometimes used stamps can become more valuable than mint stamps and they cost you nothing!

The Bible stamps, issued in 1987, are more valuable because they were withdrawn from Post Offices after only a few had been sold and thus are more expensive than the mint stamps because there were so few of them. The stamps were 40 c in 1987 and now one stamp is worth about R 6 000.00 for a single cancelled stamp!



Some good places to find stamps are:

-  Your local Post Office is a wonderful source of stamps. Most major Post Offices are easily accessible and have all the latest mint stamps.
-  You can get stamps directly from Philatelic Services, the section of the Post office that makes postage stamps so you get them new, straight from the source.
-  Neighbours, friends and relatives are a good source, ask them to save their envelopes for you and not remove the stamps from them as the stamps may be damaged or the envelope may have interesting marks which could make your collection exciting.
-  Office Mail. If you know anyone who works in an office that receives tons of mail, ask them to save the envelopes for you and maybe you could get foreign stamps.
-  Established collectors usually have duplicates and if you ask nicely maybe they could give you stamps to add to your collection.
-  Pen friends from other countries can be valuable in giving you foreign stamps.
-  Stamp clubs - if you belong to a stamp club, you can either buy stamps at a reduced price or swop with fellow members at meetings.
-  Stamp dealers are invaluable in supplying stamps; one can either go to their shops or to different stamp fairs which they usually hold around the country. Stamp dealers have mint and used stamps as well as both local and international stamps.



By now you have a good idea of where to get stamps. Hold on to them, you'll find out more about

what to do with them over the coming months. In the meantime have fun collecting those stamps! A great idea for Father's day is to write your father a letter, buy a lovely stamp and post him the letter and see the joy on his face when he receives and reads it.



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