



Stamps: reading tasks

- 1 Decide if the following statements are true or false:
 - a Over 20,000,000,000 letters are sent in the UK each year.
 - b Most letters are sent and received by businesses.
 - c Because of email fewer letters are sent each year.
 - d The world's first stamp was called the Penny White.
 - e There are 116,000 pillar boxes across the UK.
 - f Stamps from the UK don't have the name of the country on.

- 2 Think about stamps! What exactly does a stamp do? Why do so many stamps around the world have pictures on them? What kinds of images are normally shown? What information can you get from the stamp pictured here?

- 3 Read about a woman who collects stamps. She mentions three roles that a stamp can have, what are they?

- 4 Martin Howard, the journalist, wrote a list of questions that he wanted to ask Penelope during the interview. Read the text again and write down 10 questions he asked to get the information he needed for the article. One has been done for you.

1 *Why did you become so interested in stamps?*

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- 5 The easiest way to see lots of stamps from your country is to go to <http://www.ebay.co.uk/> and type in *stamps from (your country)*, there'll be lots to choose from and you don't have to buy anything!