



## Reading 24

*Put the following sentences in the correct order to recreate the text.*

### Lost and Found

- A. They reveled in something called “leisure” — not sports, not culture, not work — that's now said to be extinct. In the 1950s and 60s, collectors of Indian arrows, horseshoes, and rocks seemed willing to recover, in their spare time, the nature and culture of a lost world.
- B. On its home page, one collector suggests that buying antiques can help save the earth by decreasing demand for new-made stuff. Aha. Is that it? First we had the virtue of the man of leisure, with his philosophizing and his toothpick cases. Then came the virtue of overwork and an end to frivolity. Now we get the virtue of collecting again, reformulated as conservation and environmental activism.
- C. Where did these people find the time? They seemed to have days and weeks free for conventions, flea markets, rummage sales and beach walks.
- D. NOT long ago, the only people who collected things were retirees, housewives and underemployed eccentrics. My grandfather was into coins; my grandmother stockpiled seashells.
- E. But eventually things changed. Ten years ago, “hobbies” was still a line on standard résumés, but it had become a joke.
- F. I, for one, couldn't think up a single hobby to round out my first rēsumē. I tried “travel,” but the word looked hollow, and I deleted it.
- G. Instead, it's mostly Americana. In the category of consumer electronics, vintage Pioneer tape recorders top the list. The very hottest goods in other categories include Dakota china, postcards from Eastern Europe, Disney timepieces and reindeer figurines.
- H. An aunt propped up 100 Beanie Babies in a glass display case. A friend's father collected lead Civil War soldiers even though he was English.
- I. And then hobbyism made a comeback. Trends were reported: scrap-booking, knitting, poker, Scrabulous. On eBay, there's a list of the objects that buyers want to get their hands on. It's not trendy or state-of-the-art stuff.
- J. Potential employers were supposed to believe you did nothing in your life but work. In those days we thought that all Americans worked too hard. (That was before we learned that all Americans while away their days on blogs and YouTube.

# Reading 24 — Keys

1. D
2. H
3. C
4. A
5. E
6. J
7. F
8. I
9. G
10. B

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