

**Pui Ling School of The Precious Blood**  
**Class Suspension Self-directed Learning Tasks (Phase 8)**  
**Reading Exercise**

Class: 4 \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the article about stamp collecting in a children's magazine.**

**Removing stamps from envelopes**

Collecting stamps is a great hobby. It is interesting to look at the beautiful pictures on stamps. You do not need to spend much money on building a good collection. You can easily get lots of used stamps from the letters you received. That is why many people around the world are keen on this hobby. 1  
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Follow these steps to take a stamp off an envelope safely:

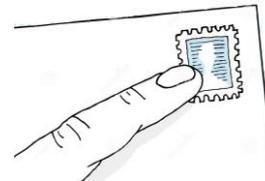
First, cut the stamp out of the envelope with a pair of scissors. Leave some paper all the way around the stamp. Remember to do this carefully. Make sure you do not cut off any part of the stamp.

Next, put the stamp in a bowl of warm water for about 30 minutes. 10

Then, gently take the stamp off the paper.

After that, put the stamp face down on a paper towel. Let it dry completely in the wind.

Finally, put the stamp between the pages of a thick book to make it flat. Leave it for a few days. Then, you can keep the stamp in your stamp album. 15



**A. Choose the best answers.**

1. Why is collecting stamps a great hobby?

A. We can sell the stamps for money.

B. It is not an expensive activity.

C. We can buy stamps easily.

D. We can show our stamp collections to others easily.

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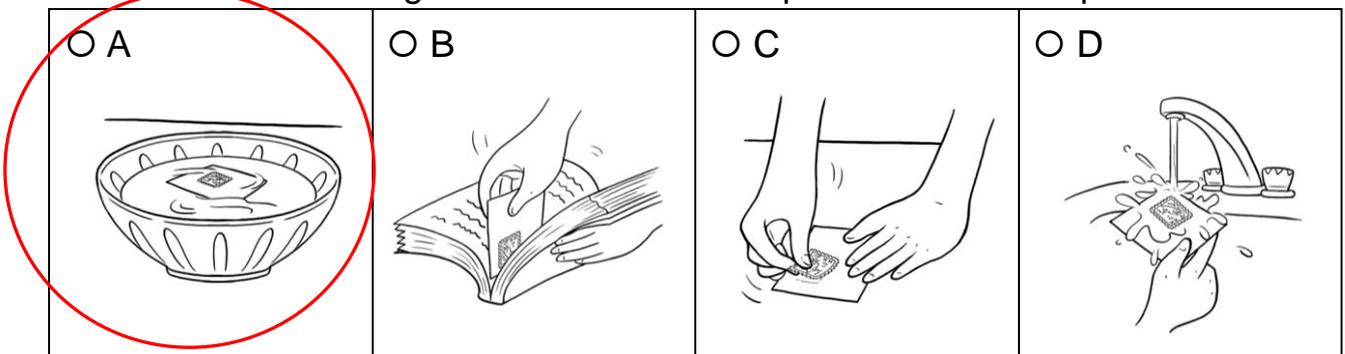
2. Read lines 4-5: ' That is why many people around the world are keen on this hobby'. This means many people \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. do not know much about collecting stamps
- B. stop collecting stamps
- C. think collecting stamps is boring
- D. enjoy collecting stamps

3. What don't we need to remove stamps from envelopes?

- A. scissors
- B. a paper towel
- C. a bowl
- D. soap

4. What should we do right after we cut a stamp out of an envelope?



5. How long should we leave the stamp in the warm water?

- A. a quarter of an hour
- B. about half an hour
- C. about an hour
- D. one and a half hours