

Lesson 6

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

Collecting Coins

Sidney is a coin collector. He obtained most of his coins from his uncle, who is employed by an international oil company. Sidney's uncle makes it a point to give Sidney a coin from every country he visits.

When other relatives learned of Sidney's hobby, they began to give him coins as birthday gifts. Some of the coins have been handled so frequently that they are dirty and worn. Sidney uses cotton balls dipped in rubbing alcohol to remove dirt from the soiled surface. Sometimes he uses a small soft brush and a pointed pick to remove bits of grime. But he is careful not to scratch or spoil the surface.

He then makes a picture of the coin by covering it with paper and rubbing the paper with a pencil. Sidney saves this image with his record of the origin and history of the coin.

Sidney enjoys displaying his collection. He even spends part of his allowance on plastic display trays. But he gets very annoyed when other kids try to handle his coins.