

Stamp Fun

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Stamp Active Network

in association with The British Philatelic Trust

Welcome to Stamp Active!

Welcome to Kids Corner which has been organised by the Stamp Active Network. Stamp Active is a voluntary body which promotes stamp collecting for young people in the UK.

This pack provides some activities for you to complete. **If you finish five of the activities in the pack, please take it to one of the organisers and you will receive a prize.**

There is plenty more for you to do in the pack or you can have a go at some of the other stamp competitions promoted by Stamp Active. The pack is yours to keep and it will give you a useful guide to some of the varied aspects of stamp collecting.

Have Fun!

Stamp Active Network promotes a number of initiatives, including:

KIDS CORNER which takes place at Spring and Autumn Stampex, held at the British Design Centre, Islington, London.

THE STAMP ACTIVE COMPETITION and **THE BRITISH YOUTH STAMP CHAMPIONSHIPS**, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons, for those interested in displaying their collections.

PLANET STAMP WEB SITE to find out more about collecting and the activities of the Stamp Active Network.

STAMP ACTIVE is a resource programme for organisers of junior clubs with information and updates on the website. **www.planetstamp.co.uk**

STARTER PACKS for new school and junior stamp clubs.

KIDSTAMPS supports young collectors, providing stamps, news, information, activities and much more to make your hobby even more fun!

WORKSHOPS for children interested in developing their competition entries.

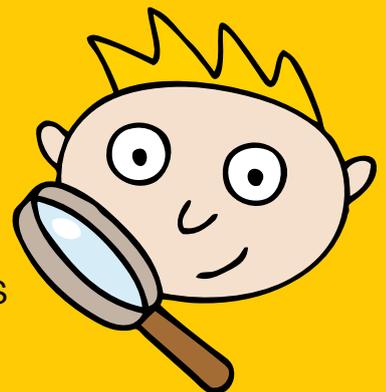
NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE for organisers of clubs.

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We are always in need of financial donations or the gift of stamps, covers and other material.

For more information about the activities of the Stamp Active Network or if you would like to make a donation, please write to:
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The World of Stamps

Find a stamp for a country in each of the continents, mount it in the box and then write the name of the country underneath.



North & Central America

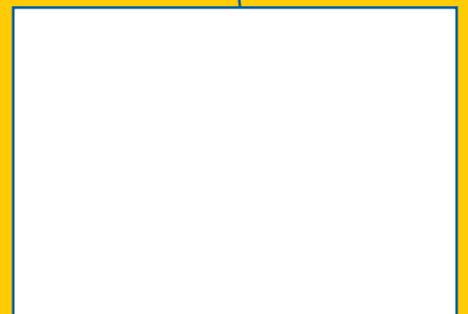
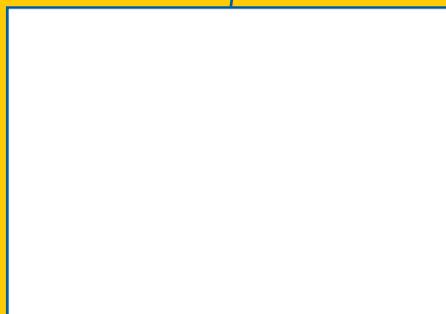
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Asia

South America

Africa

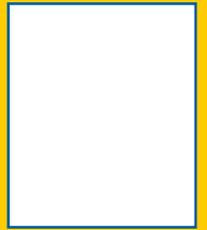
Australasia



Great Britain - What to collect?

The stamps of Great Britain are issued by the Royal Mail. They come in many forms. You can buy direct from the Royal Mail or from your local Post Office, or you can collect used stamps from letters that come through the post, or even collect whole envelopes. There are Stamp Clubs up and down the country and regular Stamp Fairs.

Every day stamps are called **DEFINITIVES** and the present design is called by collectors "Machins" after the man who created the design. Look for some different Machin stamps.



There are also **REGIONAL DEFINITIVES** to collect. Look for one for each country.



England

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

On Special Occasions and Anniversaries **COMMEMORATIVE** stamps are issued. They come in sets. Sets can also be of different sizes. What can you find?



Stamps are also issued in miniature sheets and in booklets.

Some Famous People Commemorated on GB Stamps

Using a Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of Great Britain, find these stamps, write the name of the person under the stamp and then answer the questions.



.....
Of the House of Tudor.
Ruled 1558 to 1603.
Stamp issued in
As part of the set to mark



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Famous Authoress who wrote the novel
'Jane Eyre'. Stamp issued in
As part of the set to mark



.....
Famous Ballerina who danced all
the famous ballets. Stamp issued
in
As part of the set to mark



.....
House of Windsor.
Ruled 1952 -
Stamp issued in
As part of the set to mark



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Famous Solo Flyer. First women to fly
solo to Australia. Stamp issued in
..... As part of the set to mark



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Famous Scientist. Nobel
Prize winner. Stamp issued in
..... As part of the
set to mark.....



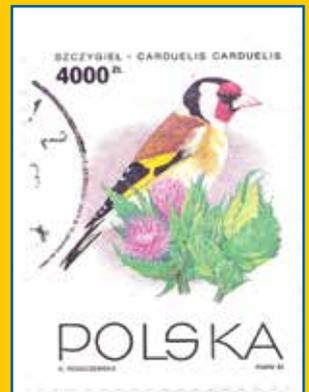
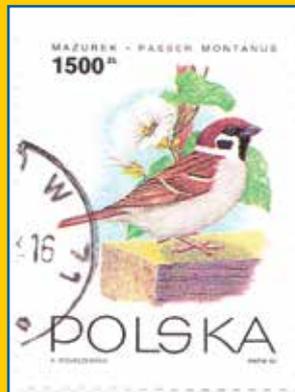
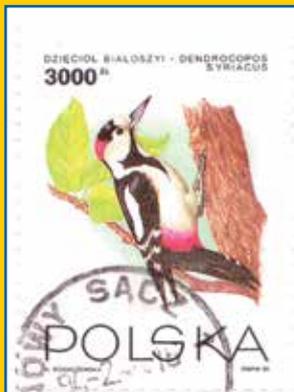
This is
She was married to King George VI and is the mother of our Queen. The black border
was added to a set issued in 1990 to mark her 90th Birthday. She died in
when she was years old.

Birds found in British Gardens

How many of these birds visit your garden?
Can you name all of these common birds?

Look closely at the stamps to help with your answers.

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Chaffinch, Goldfinch,
Great Tit, Hawfinch, Magpie, Sparrow,
Starling, Thrush, Woodpecker, Wren



British Kings & Queens from 1840

Who appear in British Stamps

Find a British stamp for each of these Kings and Queens.

Queen Victoria was the British Monarch when the first postage stamp was issued on May 6th 1840. She reigned from 1837 to 1901.



King Edward VII was Queen Victoria's eldest son. He reigned from 1901 to 1910.



King George V was the second son of Edward VII. His eldest son had died in 1892. George V reigned from 1910 to 1936.



Edward VIII was the eldest son of King George V. He was king for less than one year, in 1936. He abdicated uncrowned.



King George VI was the second son of George V. He reigned from 1936 to 1952.



Queen Elizabeth II is the eldest daughter of King George VI. She became Queen in 1952 and still is.

My Garden

Find flower stamps for each of the four corner garden plots and fish stamps for the pond.

The British Flower Garden

The Rose Garden

The Fish Pond

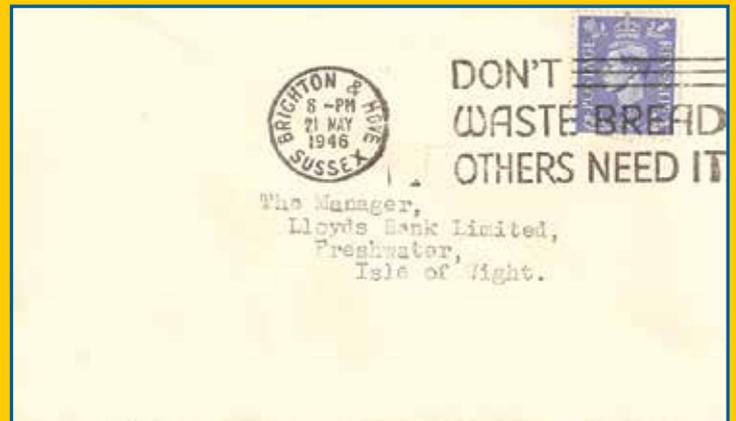
Wild Flower Garden

The Exotic Flower Garden

Postal History

This aspect of philately can make an interesting collection. Covers can be collected to tell a story. A cover is a complete envelope. It might be the country, the postmarks, the other marks or cachets on the envelope, postal rates or the person who sent it or received it.

Here are some pictures of covers reduced in size.



**Mount an interesting cover
in the space below. Remember to use
corner mounts so the cover is
not damaged**

First Day Covers (FDC)

First day covers are envelopes with all the stamps, in a set, issued on a set date. They usually have an attractive illustration and a special postmark. Many countries do these first day covers each time a new set of stamps are issued. It is an interesting way to make a collection instead of just having stamps in an album.

Here are two British FDC reduced in size.



These are two Great Britain FDC from 1997 by Benham.

There are also autographed first day covers and first day covers with an appropriate coin.

London 2010

How well do you know London?

1. Why was the BT Tower (originally called the Post Office Tower) built, for what is it used?

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2. What valuable items are kept here?

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3. Which famous building is this?

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4. For what is Kew Gardens famous?

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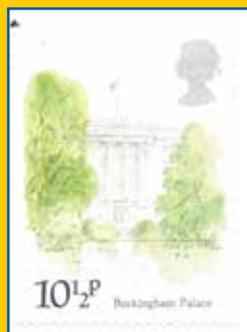
5. Who lives here?

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6. River Police. Which river flows through London?

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7. What is special about Tower Bridge?

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7. Who built St Paul's Cathedral?

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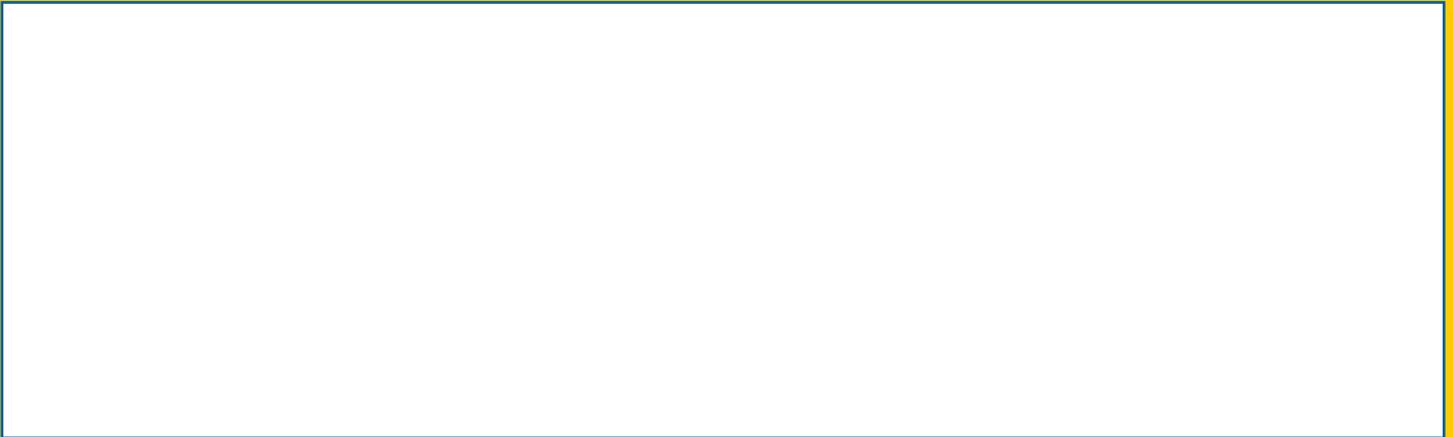
London 2012

2012 will be the third time that the Olympics have been held in London. There are many sports that are included in the Summer Olympics, and all the sports are featured on stamps from some country or other.

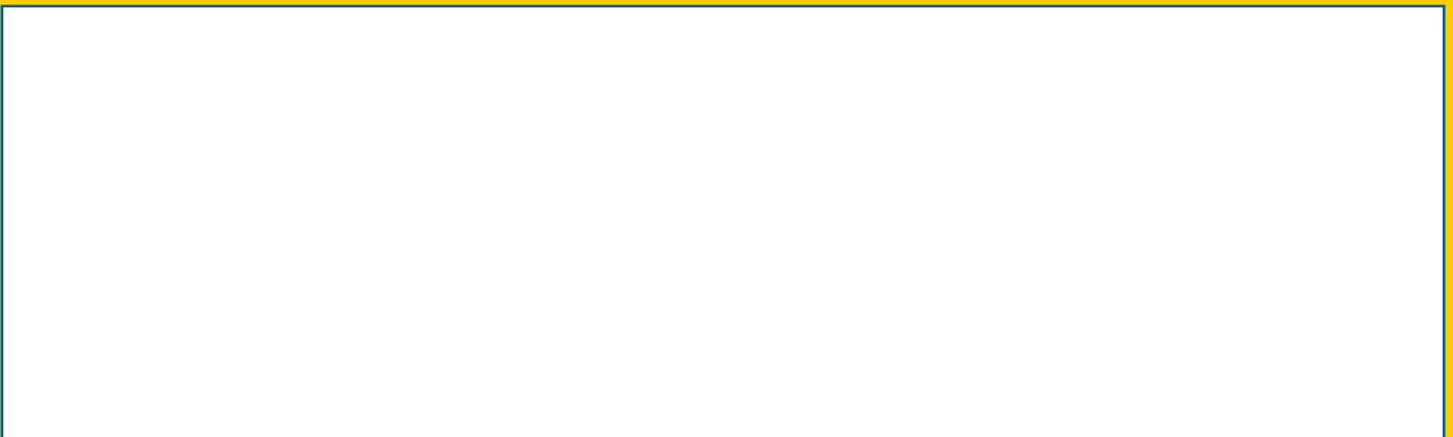
1. Look for four different stamps showing BALL sports in the Olympic Games.



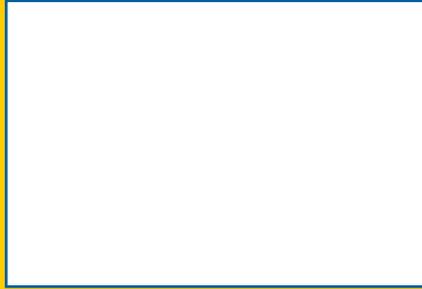
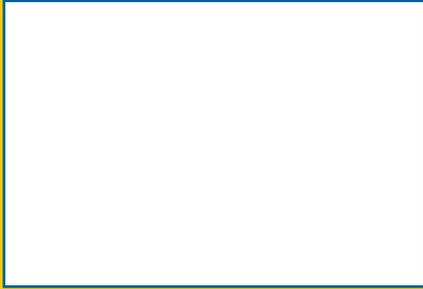
2. Look for four different stamps showing WATER sports in the Olympic Games.



3. Look for four different stamps showing ATHLETIC events in the Olympic Games.



Mediterranean Cruise



Day 1

Catch your plane at Luton and fly to Gibraltar.
(Find a passenger plane stamp)

At Gibraltar board your Luxury Cruise Ship RMS
Queen Victoria. (Find a passenger ship stamp)



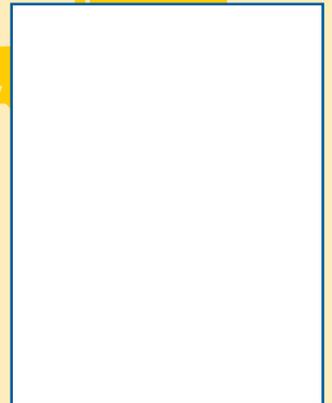
Day 2

Full Day in Majorca.
(Find a Spanish stamp)



Day 3

Full Day in Monte Carlo.
(Find a Monaco stamp)



Day 4

Full Day in Naples.
(Find an Italian stamp)



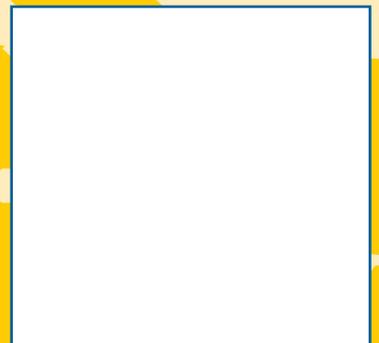
Day 7

Full Day in Tangiers.
(Find a Moroccan stamp)



Day 6

Full Day in Tunis.
(Find a Tunisian stamp)



Day 5

Full Day in Malta.
(Find a Maltese stamp)

Day 8

Cross over to Gibraltar to catch a flight back to Luton.

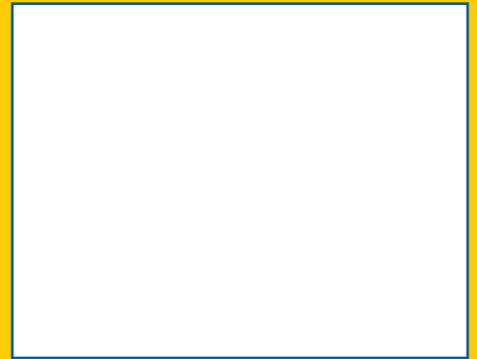
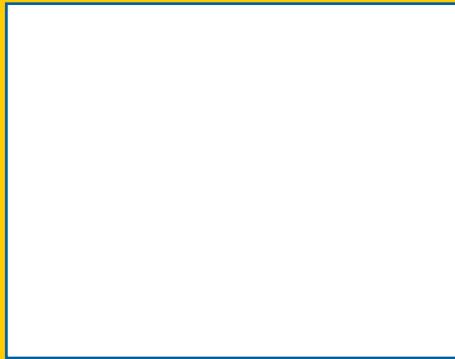
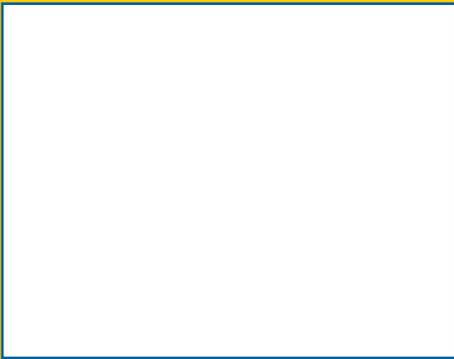
Animal Stamps

Collect animals on stamps or birds or other creatures. Or you can collect the animals of one country or one kind of habitat.

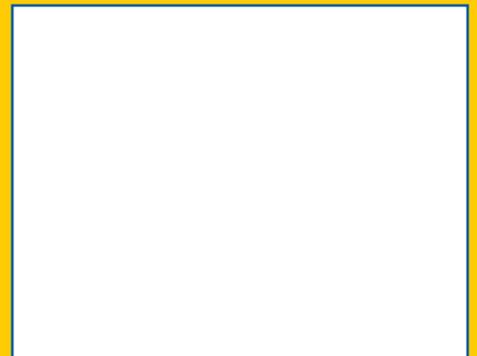
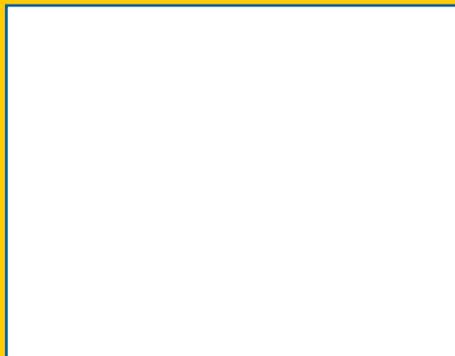
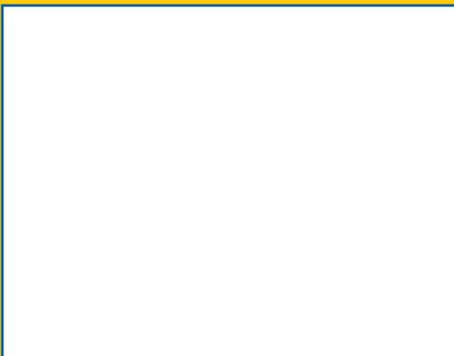
Different Creatures live in different habitats, areas that suit one creature do not suit others. Here are some different types of habitats. What sort of creatures would you expect to find in each of these?

From your collection find two stamps of creatures for each of these habitats, carefully mount them on the page and name them.

Rain Forests: Such as Brazil, Congo, Borneo and New Guinea.



The Polar Regions: Antarctica, Arctic, Greenland, Canada and Siberia.



Temperate Lands: The British Isles, Northern Europe, USA.



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