

## **Charmaine's Doll Collection (1)**

*Do you know anyone who has a collection? What do they collect?*

*Charmaine has an international doll collection. Here, she talks about the very first doll that started the collection.*

*Listen and read along with her, then do the activity to check to see if you understood everything.*

Spencer: Can you tell me about the first doll you bought?

Charmaine: The first doll I ever bought with my own money was the doll you are looking at now. It looks like it should be Spanish, but it came from Mexico City.

When I was about eight (8), my parents decided we should drive from upstate New York to Mexico City for vacation. We went for 6 weeks. It's about 2700 miles between Schenectady and Mexico City, so it was a very long drive, and we—because of the time it was, it was the early 1960s, there weren't too many Americans around—so we were treated like royalty, at least at the time, I remember that.

We had a wonderful guide. His name was Carlos, and he was good. He took us (to) all sorts of places, including the murals by Diego Rivera and also to the floating gardens of Xochimilco, and I remember the way that he told us to say it was to say "such-a-milk-cow".

So that's the story of the first doll I ever collected.

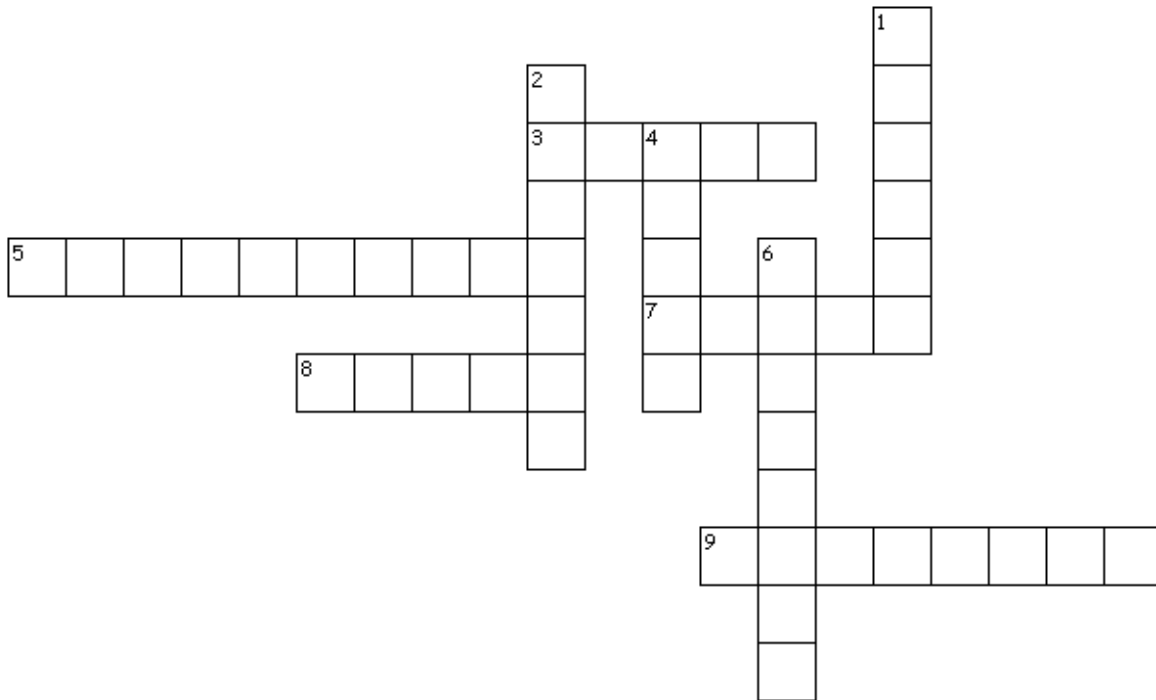
### **Activity:**

**Read the clues and do the puzzle below to see if you understood the story.**

\*Don't leave a space between words in the puzzle! Example: write herparents, not her parents in the squares.

(\*\*The answers are at the end, on the last page, but don't peek until you try it first!)

# Charmaine's First Doll



## Across

3. How old was Charmaine?
5. Where did she buy her first doll?
7. What does Charmaine collect?
8. How did they travel to Mexico City?
9. How long was the vacation?

## Down

1. What did Charmaine see by Diego Rivera?
2. In which state did Charmaine live?
4. Who is Carlos?
6. What kind of gardens are in Xochimilco?

**REVIEW: HOW TO WRITE A QUESTION IN ENGLISH THAT ASKS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Word order:** 1. The **question word** comes **first**: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW, HOW MANY, AT WHAT TIME, WHICH  
2. the **helping verb** comes next: DO or DOES  
3. the **subject** comes next: I, YOU, HE, SHE, IT, WE, THEY  
4. the **main verb** comes next

**Example:** Where do you work? Why doesn't Nina visit? When does the show begin? How do you make lasagna?

\*In the **past tense**, the helping verb is **DID**

Where did you work? Why didn't Nina visit? When did the show begin? How did you make lasagna?

**Practice:** Here are the answers. Can you think what the question was? Start off with a question word suggested by the underlined part of the sentence. Careful: there is present and also past tense!)

**Example:** The cat sits on the sofa. ---Where does the cat sit?

Mom made the pasta by hand. ---How did Mom make the pasta?

1. I eat salad for lunch.
2. Robert works in the city.
3. Silvia bought the blue shoes.
4. He studied at the university for eight years.
5. Lisa lives in a small town in southeastern Pennsylvania.
6. Sara goes to school by bus.
7. Sam ate the whole pizza because he was really hungry.
8. We go to the beach at ten o'clock in the morning.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS:**

**Across**

3. eight
5. MexicoCity
7. dolls
8. bycar
9. sixweeks

**Down**

1. murals
2. NewYork
4. guide
6. floating