

# Reborn Dolls



TOTALLY

INAPPROPRIATE

VIDEO

ACTIVITIES

**A. Discuss the questions below:**

- 1. What kinds of items do people collect in your country?**
- 2. Why do people like collecting things?**
- 3. Do you collect anything?**
- 4. What's the strangest collection you've ever heard of?**

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## **LISTENING**

**B. Watch the first part of the video (00.00-00.35) and find out what this lady is collecting.**

## **SPEAKING**

**C. Work in groups. Discuss your opinions on her collection.**





**D. Look at the pictures below and rank them (1–4) from the most realistic to the least realistic reborn doll.**

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**







## VOCABULARY

E. Match the the words with the things in the photo.

scallop-collared shirt

talc

cropped sweatshirt

faux-hawk

crib

dresser

ointment

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**F. What do the following terms mean? Match the word with its definition.**

**1 derisive**

**2 frigid**

**3 inanimate**

**4 indictment**

**5 oblique**

**6 parlance**

**7 proliferation**

**8 waned**

**9 wryly**

**a) extremely cold; also someone emotionally distant**

**b) a particular style or manner of speaking**

**c) a rapid and often excessive increase or spread of something.**

**d) ridiculing or mocking in a disrespectful way.**

**e) not alive; lacking movement, spirit or life.**

**f) gradually decreased in size, strength or intensity.**

**g) in a dryly humorous or slightly ironic way.**

**h) indirect; expressed in a subtle or roundabout way.**

**i) a strong statement or example showing that something is wrong or unjust.**



**G. Watch the next part of the video (00.35-04.32) and answer the questions:**

**Campton, California:**

**1) When/How does she use reborn dolls?**

**Ithaca, New York:**

**2) What does she call her “happy place”?**

**3) She says that something instinctual happens when we hold a baby. What is it?**

**Fresno, California**

**4) What does the woman who makes reborns say about her wife’s artistic skills?**

**5) What reason does she give for enjoying reborn dolls instead of real babies?**



**H. Before watching next part, learn and discuss what endometriosis is.**

**Watch the last part of the video (04.32-end) and answer the questions:**

**6) How did the woman discover she had stage 4 endometriosis, and how did she react?**

**7) What is the main misunderstanding people have about reborn collectors?**

**8) One of the collectors compares collecting dolls to a different hobby? What is it?**

**9) What does she mean when she says: “I needed them and I wanted them”?**



# **SPEAKING**

## **I. Discuss in groups or pairs:**

- **Why do you think people judge this hobby so harshly?**
- **Can this be considered a healthy coping mechanism? Why or why not?**
- **Are there hobbies you think outsiders would misunderstand?**
- **Do you think collecting reborn dolls is more about art or emotion?**



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