

# Reborn Dolls

- 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**

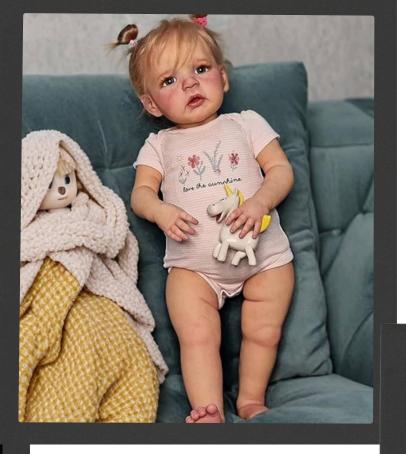
C. Work in groups. Discuss your opinions on her collection.



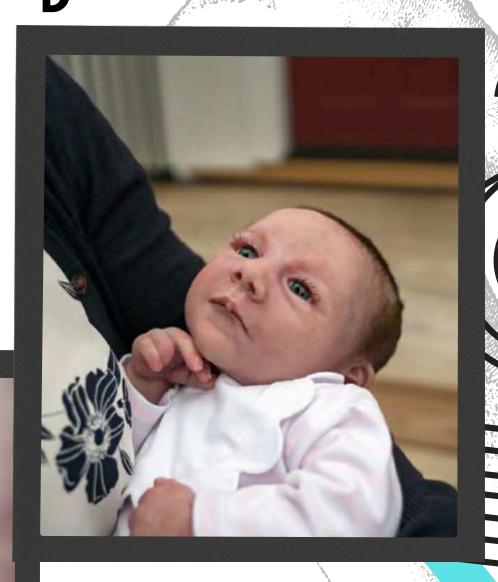
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D. Look at the pictures below and rank them (1–4) from the most realistic to the least realistic reborn doll.









#### **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? englishvee.com

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

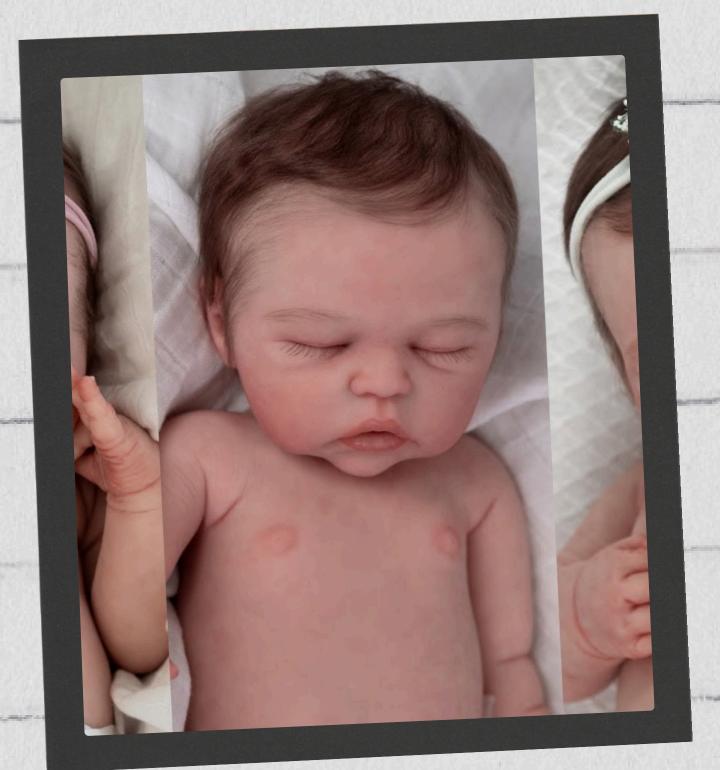
Watch the last part of the video (04.32-end) and answer the questions:

- 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"?

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#### **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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