

Terminology used in collecting

(Requirement 5.a)

- **Advertising premiums:** Items given for free as promotions or advertising
- **Age:** Older items are usually more valuable, especially because they are also more scarce
- **Authenticity:** The item is an original, not a copy
- **Brand:** A makers name given to a product or series of products
- **Certification:** A guarantee of authenticity usually given by a company or organization with expertise with certain collectibles
- **Commemorative items:** Items issued for a specific occasion or event
- **Completeness:** Having all items of a defined set, such as a complete set of Harry Potter books
- **Condition:** The degree of wear or damage to an item, see grading

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- **Context** : The item is associated with a person or event
- **Copy**: A reprinting or remaking of an item
- **Ephemera**: Items given out for one time use, usually paper or plastic such as advertising fliers, programs, tickets, etc.
- **Facsimile**: A copy of an original item
- **Grade**: A scale established to measure wear or damage
- **Limited or Special Edition**: An item made in a small quantity, often for a special occasion or event
- **Limited run**: An item made in a small quantity
- **Memorabilia**: Items made for a special occasion or event or items associated with a particular person

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- **Material:** The substance from which a collectible is made
- **Maker / artist / author / publisher:** Items made by or featuring a particular company, person or group of persons
- **Numbered item:** A limited edition in which each individual piece is given a unique serial number, such as 250 of 500
- **Original:** The first issue of a collectible item, not a copy or reproduction
- **Popularity:** The degree of interest in a particular kind of collectible
- **Provenance:** The item has a documented history
- **Re-issue:** A later printing of an original publication
- **Reproduction:** A copy of an original item

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- **Scarcity:** Very few of the item are known to exist
- **Series:** Items produced by a single source with a common theme, for example books by a particular author all featuring the same central character
- **Size:** The physical size of an item or number of items in a collection
- **Scale:** For models or figurines, the relationship in size of the collectible to the real object
- **Signed item;** An item personally signed by the maker or user of the item, for example a signed baseball
- **Theme:** A common feature of all items in a collection, for example, a collection of Scout Council patches.