

The Museum of Broken Things

ARTICLE READING

A small museum has a very unusual collection: broken things. Visitors can see a cracked cup, a stopped clock, a toy with one missing wheel, and a chair with a funny repair. Each object has a short story from its owner. One cup survived a family move but lost its handle. One old radio stopped working during an important football match. The museum does not hide the damage. Instead, it shows that objects can have value because of the memories connected to them. Visitors are invited to bring an old item and explain why they kept it. The most interesting object is not always the oldest or most expensive. Sometimes it is simply the object with the best story.

If one broken object from your home became the star of a museum, what story would you tell visitors?

1. What broken or old object would you never throw away?
2. Why can a damaged object be more special than a new one?
3. What funny repair would visitors see in your museum display?

4. Should museums show ordinary objects from ordinary families? Why?
5. What object would have the most dramatic story in a museum?
6. Would you visit a museum of broken things? Explain your answer.