

Dear Marilyn,

Please help me. I don't know what to do. When I married my husband two years ago, I had no idea what a packrat he was. It turns out that he collects and saves everything. I mean EVERYTHING! From bottle caps to newspapers to empty baby food jars and takeout menus from restaurants, he keeps them all.

Our house is beginning to look like a disaster zone. I can hardly walk around without tripping over something. Yesterday, I opened a closet door and was hit over the head with a bunch of old tennis balls, his latest collection.

I, on the other hand, am someone who is a minimalist. When the mail comes in, I read through it and immediately recycle the junk mail and anything else I don't need. Every month, I go around the house with an empty bag and fill it with items that I don't use anymore. Then, I donate them to charity.

I hate clutter and prefer a house with very few items in it. What should I do? Maybe my husband and I are mismatched. Please tell me what you think of my situation.

Sincerely,

Samantha

### 事前準備課題

上記の記事を読み、授業開始前までに以下の質問に対する答えを準備してください。なお、レッスンの冒頭で「間違いはその場で直してほしいか、その場は流して授業後のフィードバックで書いて欲しいか」を先生がたずねます。どちらを希望するか伝えてください。

1. Please summarize the article for me. What is the main point Samantha is trying to say?
2. What does Samantha do with the items she doesn't use anymore?
3. What are some of the things Samantha's husband collects?
4. What do you collect?
5. Do you consider yourself a packrat or a minimalist?
6. What advice would you give to Samantha?