

The postman who built a palace from stones

Have you ever collected anything interesting?

Vocabulary

1. delivering 2. collected 3. incredible 4. decided 5. strange 6. palace

True Story

Ferdinand Cheval was a French postman who created an amazing _____ by himself. In 1879, he found a _____ rock while _____ mail. The rock was so interesting that he took it home. Later, he _____ to build a palace using similar stones.

For the next 33 years, Cheval _____ thousands of stones during his daily work and used them to build his dream palace at night. He used simple tools and worked by the light of an oil lamp. He finished the palace in 1912. Today, many people visit the Palais Idéal to see his _____ creation.

Quiz

1. What did Ferdinand Cheval find in 1879?
2. How long did Cheval work on his palace?
3. What tools did Cheval use to build his palace?
4. What is the name of the palace Cheval built?

True or False

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| 1. Ferdinand Cheval was a French baker. | True False |
| 2. Cheval used electric lights to work at night. | True False |
| 3. Many people visit the Palais Idéal today. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Wow, Ferdinand, you really built this yourself?
B: Yep, every single stone!
A: How did you find time to do it?
B: I worked at night after delivering mail.
A: That's some dedication!
B: Thanks! It was my dream come true.

Discussion

1. Would you like to visit the Palais Idéal?
2. What other castles or palaces would you like to visit?
3. Have you ever made something by yourself?
4. Would you like to spend many years working on a big project?
5. What interesting things have you seen on your way to school or work?