

## Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 Why is proper museum storage important?
- 2 What are some common types of storage systems?



Dear Mr. Donner,

I'm emailing you about constructing a new **storage space** for our museum. In case you're unaware, our inventory is suffering from **overcrowding**. Hopefully a new storage area will provide **sufficient** room for everything.

I propose that we create a **reserve collection** for our Mesopotamian artifacts. These items are unpopular with visitors, but we need them **in store** for scholarly use. Perhaps some **adjustable shelving** with **locked storage containers** will keep them **secure**.

However, I'm open to other ideas. We can use a different **racking system** if you prefer. A **roller system** is one idea, as these allow for easier **movement** when moving heavier objects. They're also fairly inexpensive.

Essentially, it's not that important which racking system we use. We just need a suitable **documentation system**. Let me know what you prefer, and we'll discuss it.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Limon

roller system

## Reading

- 2 Read the email. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 — The current storage area provides sufficient room for everything.
- 2 — Ms. Limon wants to construct a reserve collection for medieval artifacts.
- 3 — A roller system is useful for moving heavy objects.

## Vocabulary

- 3 Match the words or phrases (1-8) with the definitions (A-H).

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| 1 — storage  | 5 — movement          |
| 2 — space    | 6 — overcrowding      |
| 3 — secure   | 7 — racking system    |
| 4 — in store | 8 — storage container |

- A a system used to hold, hang, or display objects  
 B in a state in which it will not be lost or stolen  
 C a receptacle that holds materials for future use  
 D the act of altering location or position  
 E the act of keeping something to be used in the future  
 F an area that objects can occupy  
 G the state of being overfilled with people or things  
 H in reserve for future use

- 4 Read the sentences and choose the correct words or phrases.

- 1 Adjustable shelving / Overcrowding makes it easier to rearrange our inventory.
- 2 Every storage container / roller system needs a good set of wheels to operate.
- 3 The small storage space wasn't secure / sufficient to hold its entire inventory.
- 4 Our documentation system / racking system lists all our inventory items.
- 5 We maintain a reserve collection / storage container for research purposes only.