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Toy store stops selling drug-dealer dolls

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141024-breaking-bad-1.html>

Toys R Us has stopped selling a drug-dealer doll from a popular American TV series. The figure had bags of drug money and blue drugs. A mother started an online petition to stop Toys R Us selling the doll. More than 3,000 people signed it. The mother said Toys R Us is well known around the world but their decision to sell a doll with a bag of drugs was a "dangerous" move away from their family-friendly values.

The mother said the show was popular with adults, but the dolls should not be in a toy store next to Disney characters. She said: "Grandparents around the world shop at Toys R Us....They should not [have to] explain why a certain toy comes with a bag of highly dangerous and illegal drugs, or why someone who sells those drugs [should become] an action figure." The box clearly said the dolls are for ages 15 and up. The toys were in the adult area of the stores.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1356927/breaking-bad-dolls-spark-online-petition>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11177774/Toys-R-Us-quietly-withdraws-drug-dealer-Breaking-Bad-dolls.html>
<http://www.change.org/p/toys-r-us-remove-breaking-bad-dolls-from-their-shelves>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Toys R Us has stopped selling | a. with a bag of drugs |
| 2. from a popular American | b. a drug-dealer doll |
| 3. A mother started an online | c. friendly values |
| 4. More than 3,000 people | d. TV series |
| 5. well known | e. petition |
| 6. heir decision to sell a doll | f. away |
| 7. a "dangerous" move | g. around the world |
| 8. family- | h. signed it |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the show was popular | a. why |
| 2. the dolls should not | b. Disney characters |
| 3. next to | c. ages 15 and up |
| 4. They should not have to explain | d. be in a toy store |
| 5. illegal | e. figure |
| 6. an action | f. area of the stores |
| 7. the dolls are for | g. with adults |
| 8. The toys were in the adult | h. drugs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toys R Us (1) _____ a drug-dealer doll from a popular (2) _____. The figure had bags of drug money and blue drugs. A mother started (3) _____ to stop Toys R Us selling the doll. More than 3,000 (4) _____. The mother said Toys R Us is (5) _____ the world but their decision to sell a doll with a bag of drugs was a "dangerous" move away from their (6) _____.

The mother said the show was (7) _____, but the dolls should (8) _____ toy store next to Disney characters. She said: "Grandparents around the world shop at Toys R Us....They should not (9) _____ why a certain toy comes with a bag (10) _____ and illegal drugs, (11) _____ who sells those drugs [should become] an action figure." The box clearly said the dolls are for ages 15 and up. The toys were (12) _____ of the stores.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **action figures** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
