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## 'Barbie' the movie breaks box office records

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

The new movie "Barbie" is the biggest film of the year in the USA. It has broken several box office records. One of these is for making the most money for a non-superhero movie. Movie-goers in the USA paid a total of \$162 million in the movie's opening weekend. Ticket sales worldwide were over \$356 million. The film also made the most money for a movie made by a female director. "Barbie" was directed by Greta Gerwig, who also worked on the indie films "Lady Bird" and "Little Women". Gerwig also co-wrote "Barbie". It is likely that there will be sequels to the movie, so fans should get ready for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be a spin-off that focuses on Barbie's friend Ken.

Ms Gerwig's movie is about the Barbie fashion doll, made by the American toy company Mattel. The toy was created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler and launched in 1959. It has become one of the best-selling toys ever made. Over a billion Barbie dolls have been made worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has been the star of video games, animated movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie unexpectedly leaves her near-perfect animated world of Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie experts say it is refreshing that "Barbie" is such an original movie. People may be getting tired of superhero films. A critic said "Barbie" was a funny, entertaining and feminist movie.

Sources: <https://www.axios.com/2023/07/23/barbie-box-office-opening-sales>  
<https://apnews.com/article/barbie-box-office-greta-gerwig-record-0e0cbd8116aff87798575c8af691d8b3>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbie>

# WARM-UPS

**1. MOVIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about movies. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

movie / box office / records / superhero / movie-goers / female / director / sequels / fashion / doll / toy / businesswoman / video games / experts / funny / entertaining

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. DOLLS:** Students A **strongly** believe dolls are good toys; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PINK:** What is pink good for and when should it never be used? What about the other colours? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	This colour is good for	This colour is not good for...
Pink		
Yellow		
Green		
Blue		
Black		
White		

**5. TOYS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "toys". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. TOYS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Barbie
- Jenga
- Toy cars
- Frisbee
- Yo-yo
- Lego
- Monopoly
- Game boy

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. several  | a. A person who supervises the actors and other staff in a movie or play.                |
| 2. paid     | b. A movie that continues the story of an earlier one.                                   |
| 3. director | c. More than two but not many.   |
| 4. indie    | d. Gave money to get a good or service.  |
| 5. likely   | e. Of a small movie company that does not belong to a major film company.                |
| 6. sequel   | f. Such as well might happen or be true; probable.                                       |
| 7. spin-off | g. A product marketed because it is linked with a popular television programme or movie. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. doll          | h. A person who is very knowledgeable about or skillful in a particular area              |
| 9. launched      | i. A small model of a human figure, usually one of a baby or girl, used as a child's toy. |
| 10. animated     | j. In a way that you did not think would happen.  |
| 11. unexpectedly | k. Welcome because it is new or different.  |
| 12. expert       | l. Start or set in motion an activity or business.  |
| 13. refreshing   | m. Relating to or supporting women's rights and equality.                                 |
| 14. feminist     | n. Of a film or image made using animation techniques.                                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says "Barbie" has broken seven box office records. **T / F**
2. Over \$356 million was spent at the US box office in one weekend. **T / F**
3. The movie is the biggest money-making movie directed by a woman. **T / F**
4. A movie company has almost finished the spin-off movie "Ken". **T / F**
5. Barbie has been around since 1959. **T / F**
6. Over a billion Barbie dolls have been made over the decades. **T / F**
7. Movie experts agreed that "Barbie" was not such an original movie. **T / F**
8. A critic said "Barbie" was a feminist movie. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>several</b>       | a. introduced  |
| 2. <b>worldwide</b>     | b. probable    |
| 3. <b>made</b>          | c. authorities |
| 4. <b>likely</b>        | d. globally    |
| 5. <b>get ready</b>     | e. reviewer    |
| 6. <b>launched</b>      | f. delightful  |
| 7. <b>unexpectedly</b>  | g. a number of |
| 8. <b>experts</b>       | h. prepare     |
| 9. <b>critic</b>        | i. suddenly    |
| 10. <b>entertaining</b> | j. earned      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Movie-goers                             | a. of superhero films     |
| 2. Ticket sales worldwide were             | b. to the movie           |
| 3. a movie made                            | c. selling toys ever made |
| 4. It is likely that there will be sequels | d. and feminist movie     |
| 5. a spin-off that focuses                 | e. in the USA             |
| 6. launched                                | f. movies                 |
| 7. one of the best-                        | g. on Barbie's friend Ken |
| 8. animated                                | h. in 1959                |
| 9. People may be getting tired             | i. by a female director   |
| 10. a funny, entertaining                  | j. over \$356 million     |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

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*sequels*  
*superhero*  
*female*  
*ready*  
*several*  
*focuses*  
*indie*  
*paid*

Ms Gerwig's movie is about the Barbie (9) \_\_\_\_\_ doll, made by the American toy company Mattel. The toy was created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1959. It has become one of the best-selling toys ever made. Over a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Barbie dolls have been made worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has been the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of video games, animated movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie (13) \_\_\_\_\_ leaves her near-perfect animated world of Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie (14) \_\_\_\_\_ say it is refreshing that "Barbie" is such an original movie. People may be getting (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of superhero films. A critic said "Barbie" was a funny, entertaining and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ movie.

*star*  
*fashion*  
*feminist*  
*billion*  
*tired*  
*unexpectedly*  
*launched*  
*experts*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

- 1) One of these is for making the most money for a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. not-superhero movie
  - b. now-superhero movie
  - c. non-superhero movie
  - d. nine-superhero movie
- 2) Movie-goers in the USA paid a total of \$162 million in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. movie's open in weekend
  - b. movie's open inner weekend
  - c. movie's opening weekend
  - d. movie soaping weekend
- 3) The film also made the most money for a movie made by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a female director
  - b. a female directors
  - c. a female directorial
  - d. a female direction
- 4) "Barbie" was directed by Greta Gerwig, who also worked on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the indie films
  - b. the Hindi films
  - c. the Indy films
  - d. the in de-films
- 5) There may also be a spin-off that focuses on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Barbie's fiend Ken
  - b. Barbie's friends Ken
  - c. Barbie's frond Ken
  - d. Barbie's friend Ken
- 6) Gerwig's movie is about the Barbie fashion doll, made by the American \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. toy companion Mattel
  - b. toy accompany Mattel
  - c. toy company Mattel
  - d. toy companies Mattel
- 7) The toy was created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lunched in 1959
  - b. raunchy in 1959
  - c. launch din 1959
  - d. launched in 1959
- 8) Barbie has been the star of video games, animated movies \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and TV serials
  - b. and TV serious
  - c. and TV series
  - d. and TV sears
- 9) Movie experts say it is refreshing that "Barbie" is such \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an original movie
  - b. an originally movie
  - c. an originate movie
  - d. an origin all movie
- 10) A critic said "Barbie" was a funny, entertaining \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end feminist movie
  - b. and feminism movie
  - c. and feminist movie
  - d. and feminists movie

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

1. How many box office records did "Barbie" break?
2. How much money did the movie make in the US?
3. Where did the movie make \$356 million?
4. What kinds of films did the director Greta Gerwig direct?
5. What might there be a spin-off on?
6. What's the name of the company that makes the Barbie doll?
7. When was the Barbie doll launched?
8. How many Barbie dolls have been made?
9. Where did Barbie move to?
10. Who said the movie "Barbie" was funny?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

- 1) How many box office records did "Barbie" break?
  - a) seven
  - b) several
  - c) seventy
  - d) seventeen
- 2) How much money did the movie make in the US?
  - a) \$612 million
  - b) \$261 million
  - c) \$126 million
  - d) \$162 million
- 3) Where did the movie make \$356 million?
  - a) worldwide
  - b) in China
  - c) Europe
  - d) India
- 4) What kinds of films did the director Greta Gerwig direct?
  - a) weepies
  - b) comedies
  - c) indie films
  - d) blockbusters
- 5) What might there be a spin-off on?
  - a) Pink
  - b) Ken
  - c) feminism
  - d) Superhero Barbie
- 6) What's the name of the company that makes the Barbie doll?
  - a) Mattel
  - b) Mable
  - c) Maple
  - d) Metal
- 7) When was the Barbie doll launched?
  - a) 1969
  - b) 1949
  - c) 1959
  - d) 1939
- 8) How many Barbie dolls have been made?
  - a) over a billion
  - b) exactly a billion
  - c) around a billion
  - d) fewer than a billion
- 9) Where did Barbie move to?
  - a) the human world
  - b) New York
  - c) Argentina
  - d) Ghana
- 10) Who said the movie "Barbie" was funny?
  - a) everyone
  - b) an actor
  - c) Ken
  - d) a critic

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

## **Role A – Barbie**

You think Barbie is the best toy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Lego, frisbee or Game Boy.

## **Role B – Frisbee**

You think a frisbee is the best toy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Barbie, Lego or Game Boy.

## **Role C – Lego**

You think Lego is the best toy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): frisbee, Barbie or Game Boy.

## **Role D – Game Boy**

You think Game Boy is the best toy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Lego, frisbee or Barbie.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'box' and 'office'.

<b>box</b>	<b>office</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• breaks</li><li>• these</li><li>• opening</li><li>• female</li><li>• indie</li><li>• friend</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fashion</li><li>• ever</li><li>• since</li><li>• leaves</li><li>• experts</li><li>• funny</li></ul>
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# MOVIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

Write five GOOD questions about movies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
3. What do you think of movies?
4. Do you prefer to watch movies on TV, your phone or at the cinema?
5. What's the most you would pay to watch a movie?
6. What do you know about Barbie?
7. Would you like to watch the movie 'Barbie'?
8. What do you think of movie sequels?
9. What do you think of superhero movies?
10. Does it matter if a director is male or female?

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# MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Barbie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why are dolls so popular with children?
15. What do you know about Barbie's near-perfect world?
16. What's your favourite movie?
17. What's your favourite movie genre?
18. What is a 'feminist movie'?
19. Are animated movies or movies with actors best?
20. What questions would you like to ask Barbie?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |               |               |                 |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) severe     | (b) several   | (c) serial    | (d) seven       |
| 2.  | (a) glows      | (b) goers     | (c) goes      | (d) goes        |
| 3.  | (a) opened     | (b) opinion   | (c) opener    | (d) opening     |
| 4.  | (a) undie      | (b) indie     | (c) Indy      | (d) indeed      |
| 5.  | (a) likelihood | (b) liking    | (c) likeable  | (d) likely      |
| 6.  | (a) turn       | (b) twist     | (c) spin      | (d) swivel      |
| 7.  | (a) created    | (b) creative  | (c) creation  | (d) creates     |
| 8.  | (a) even       | (b) every     | (c) ever      | (d) effort      |
| 9.  | (a) at         | (b) off       | (c) on        | (d) of          |
| 10. | (a) human      | (b) humane    | (c) humanly   | (d) humanity    |
| 11. | (a) refreshing | (b) refresher | (c) refreshed | (d) refreshment |
| 12. | (a) critic     | (b) anime     | (c) cartoon   | (d) Ken         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. It has broken aeelvsr box office records
2. a movie made by a female ioerrdct
3. ediin films
4. there will be lugesse to the movie
5. There may also be a pnsi-ffo
6. that ocuefss on Barbie's friend

## Paragraph 2

7. uhncalde in 1959
8. a billion Barbie dolls have been made redlwoiwd
9. adnmita movies and
10. Barbie eneedpluyxtc leaves
11. "Barbie" is such an inagirlo movie
12. itmfnies movie

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) leaves her near-perfect animated world of Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie experts say it is
- ( ) refreshing that "Barbie" is such an original movie. People may be getting tired of superhero
- ( ) director. "Barbie" was directed by Greta Gerwig, who also worked on the indie films "Lady Bird"
- ( ) office records. One of these is for making the most money for a non-superhero movie. Movie-
- ( ) Ms Gerwig's movie is about the Barbie fashion doll, made by the American toy company Mattel. The toy was created
- ( ) goes in the USA paid a total of \$162 million in the movie's opening weekend. Ticket sales
- ( ) films. A critic said "Barbie" was a funny, entertaining and feminist movie.
- ( ) by American businesswoman Ruth Handler and launched in 1959. It has become one of the best-
- ( ) ready for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be a spin-off that focuses on Barbie's friend Ken.
- ( ) and "Little Women". Gerwig also co-wrote "Barbie". It is likely that there will be sequels to the movie, so fans should get
- ( ) selling toys ever made. Over a billion Barbie dolls have been made worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has been
- ( ) worldwide were over \$356 million. The film also made the most money for a movie made by a female
- ( ) the star of video games, animated movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie unexpectedly
- ( **1** ) The new movie "Barbie" is the biggest film of the year in the USA. It has broken several box

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

1. box broken has records . It office several
2. Making most a movie . money for non-superhero the
3. were \$356 million more sales Ticket . than worldwide
4. be sequels . will is likely there It that
5. A that on Barbie's friend . focuses spin-off
6. businesswoman . an was created The toy by American
7. best-selling toys . become It one of has the
8. has games . of been video star Barbie the
9. animated leaves Barbie unexpectedly near-perfect her world .
10. getting People superhero tired may films . of be

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

The new movie "Barbie" is the biggest film *off / of* the year in the USA. It has broken several box office records. One of these is *for / by* making the most money for a non-superhero movie. Movie-goers in the USA *paid / pay* a total of \$162 million in the movie's *opened / opening* weekend. Ticket sales worldwide were over \$356 million. The film also *did / made* the most money for a movie made by a female *director / direction*. "Barbie" was directed by Greta Gerwig, who also worked on the *indie / indigo* films "Lady Bird" and "Little Women". Gerwig also co-wrote "Barbie". It is *likely / liked* that there will be sequels to the movie, so *fun / fans* should get ready for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be a spin-off that focuses *in / on* Barbie's friend Ken.

Ms Gerwig's movie is about the Barbie fashion *dill / doll*, made by the American toy company Mattel. The toy was *creative / created* by American businesswoman Ruth Handler and launched *on / in* 1959. It has become one of the best-selling toys *ever / even* made. Over a billion Barbie dolls have been made worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has been the star of video games, *animate / animated* movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie *unexpectedly / unsurprisingly* leaves her near-perfect animated world of Barbieland to live *in / on* the human world. Movie experts say it is *tasty / refreshing* that "Barbie" is such an original movie. People may be getting tired of superhero films. A *critical / critic* said "Barbie" was a funny, entertaining and *feminism / feminist* movie.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th\_ n\_w m\_v\_\_ "B\_rb\_\_" \_s th\_ b\_gg\_st f\_lm \_f th\_ y\_\_r \_n th\_ \_S\_. \_t h\_s br\_k\_n s\_v\_r\_l b\_x \_ff\_c\_r\_c\_rds. \_n\_ \_f th\_s\_ \_s f\_r m\_k\_ng th\_ m\_st m\_n\_y f\_r \_ n\_n-s\_p\_rh\_r\_ m\_v\_\_. M\_v\_\_-g\_\_rs \_n th\_ \_S\_ p\_\_d \_ t\_t\_l \_f \$162 m\_ll\_\_n \_n th\_ m\_v\_\_'s \_p\_n\_ng w\_\_k\_nd. T\_ck\_t s\_l\_s w\_rldw\_d\_ w\_r\_ \_v\_r \$356 m\_ll\_\_n. Th\_ f\_lm \_ls\_ m\_d\_ th\_ m\_st m\_n\_y f\_r \_ m\_v\_\_ m\_d\_ by \_ f\_m\_l\_ d\_r\_ct\_r. "B\_rb\_\_" w\_s d\_r\_ct\_d by Gr\_t\_ G\_rw\_g, wh\_ \_ls\_ w\_rk\_d \_n th\_ \_nd\_\_ f\_lms "L\_dy B\_r\_d" \_nd "L\_ttl\_ W\_m\_n". G\_rw\_g \_ls\_ c\_-wr\_t\_ "B\_rb\_\_". \_t \_s l\_k\_ly th\_t th\_r\_ w\_ll b\_ s\_q\_\_ls t\_ th\_ m\_v\_\_, s\_ f\_ns sh\_\_ld g\_t r\_\_dy f\_r "B\_rb\_\_ 2" \_nd "B\_rb\_\_ 3". Th\_r\_ m\_y \_ls\_ b\_ \_ sp\_n-ff th\_t f\_c\_s\_s \_n B\_rb\_\_'s fr\_\_nd "K\_n".

Ms G\_rw\_g's m\_v\_\_ \_s \_b\_\_t th\_ B\_rb\_\_ f\_sh\_\_n d\_ll, m\_d\_ by th\_ \_m\_r\_c\_n t\_y c\_m\_p\_ny M\_ttl. Th\_ t\_y w\_s cr\_\_t\_d by \_m\_r\_c\_n b\_s\_n\_ssw\_m\_n R\_th H\_ndl\_r \_nd l\_\_nch\_d \_n 1959. \_t h\_s b\_c\_m\_ \_n\_ \_f th\_ b\_st-s\_ll\_ng t\_ys \_v\_r m\_d\_. \_v\_r \_ b\_ll\_\_n B\_rb\_\_ d\_lls h\_v\_ b\_\_n m\_d\_ w\_rldw\_d\_. S\_nc\_ th\_ 1980s, B\_rb\_\_ h\_s b\_\_n th\_ st\_r\_f v\_d\_\_ g\_m\_s, \_n\_m\_t\_d m\_v\_\_s \_nd TV s\_r\_\_s. \_n G\_rw\_g's f\_lm, B\_rb\_\_ \_n\_xp\_ct\_dly l\_\_v\_s h\_r n\_\_r-p\_rf\_ct \_n\_m\_t\_d w\_rld \_f B\_rb\_\_l\_nd t\_ l\_v\_ \_n th\_ h\_m\_n w\_rld. M\_v\_\_ \_xp\_rts s\_y \_t \_s r\_fr\_sh\_ng th\_t "B\_rb\_\_" \_s s\_ch \_n \_r\_g\_n\_l m\_v\_\_. P\_\_pl\_ m\_y b\_ g\_tt\_ng t\_r\_d \_f s\_p\_rh\_r\_ f\_lms. \_ cr\_t\_c s\_\_d "B\_rb\_\_" w\_s \_ f\_nny, \_nt\_rt\_\_n\_ng \_nd f\_m\_n\_st m\_v\_\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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ms gerwigs movie is about the barbie fashion doll made by the american toy company mattel the toy was created by american businesswoman ruth handler and launched in 1959 it has become one of the bestselling toys ever made over a billion barbie dolls have been made worldwide since the 1980s barbie has been the star of video games animated movies and tv series in gerwigs film barbie unexpectedly leaves her nearperfect animated world of barbieland to live in the human world movie experts say it is refreshing that barbie is such an original movie people may be getting tired of superhero films a critic said barbie was a funny entertaining and feminist movie

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie.html>

Write about **movies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MOVIES:** Make a poster about movies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BARBIE DOLLS:** Write a magazine article about requiring Barbie to be seen in different colours, not just pink. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Barbie. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three of your opinions on Barbie. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. I	8. c	9. e	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Several
- \$162 million
- Worldwide
- Indie films
- Ken
- Mattel
- 1959
- Over a billion
- The human world
- A critic

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It has broken several box office records.
- Making the most money for a non-superhero movie.
- Ticket sales worldwide were more than \$356 million.
- It is likely that there will be sequels.
- A spin-off that focuses on Barbie's friend.
- The toy was created by an American businesswoman.
- It has become one of the best-selling toys.
- Barbie has been the star of video games.
- Barbie unexpectedly leaves her near-perfect animated world.
- People may be getting tired of superhero films.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)