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**Level 0** – 27th July 2023

## 'Barbie' the movie breaks box office records

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie-0.html>

"Barbie" is the biggest film of the year. It broke the box office record for the most money made by a non-superhero movie. It also made the most money for a movie directed by a woman. There will be sequels to the movie, so fans should get ready for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be a movie about Barbie's friend Ken.

Barbie started as a fashion doll. She was made by businesswoman Ruth Handler in 1959. It is one of the best-selling toys ever made. It has sold over a billion dolls worldwide. Barbie has been in video games and TV series. In the movie, Barbie leaves her world of Barbieland to live in the human world.

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>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the biggest film      | a. to the movie   |
| 2. It broke the box      | b. be a movie     |
| 3. a non-superhero       | c. office record  |
| 4. It also made          | d. friend Ken     |
| 5. There will be sequels | e. movie          |
| 6. get ready             | f. of the year    |
| 7. There may also        | g. for "Barbie 2" |
| 8. Barbie's              | h. the most money |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Barbie started as               | a. movie          |
| 2. made by businesswoman           | b. ever made      |
| 3. one of the best-selling toys    | c. human world    |
| 4. t has sold over a billion dolls | d. her world      |
| 5. Barbie has been                 | e. a fashion doll |
| 6. In the                          | f. in video games |
| 7. Barbie leaves                   | g. Ruth Handler   |
| 8. live in the                     | h. worldwide      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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"Barbie" (1) \_\_\_\_\_ film of the year. It broke the box office record (2) \_\_\_\_\_ money made by a non-superhero movie. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the most money for a movie (4) \_\_\_\_\_ woman. There will be sequels to the movie, so fans should (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Barbie's friend Ken.

Barbie started as (7) \_\_\_\_\_. She was made by businesswoman Ruth Handler in 1959. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the best-selling (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It has sold over a billion dolls worldwide. Barbie (10) \_\_\_\_\_ video games and TV series. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, Barbie leaves (12) \_\_\_\_\_

Barbieland to live in the human world.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MOVIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie-0.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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

