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'Barbie' the movie breaks box office records

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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

Barbie started as a fashion doll, created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler. The toy company Mattel launched the doll in 1959. It became one of the best-selling toys ever made, selling over a billion dolls worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has starred in video games, animated movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie leaves her near-perfect animated world of Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie experts say it is refreshing that "Barbie" is so original. Many people are getting tired of the endless releases of superhero films.

Sources: <https://www.axios.com/2023/07/23/barbie-box-office-opening-sales>
<https://apnews.com/article/barbie-box-office-greta-gerwig-record-0e0cbd8116aff87798575c8af691d8b3>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The movie "Barbie" is the biggest | a. the indie films |
| 2. It has broken | b. superhero movie |
| 3. a non- | c. a female director |
| 4. Ticket sales worldwide were | d. on Barbie's friend |
| 5. a movie made by | e. film of the year |
| 6. She also directed | f. to the movie |
| 7. There will be sequels | g. box office records |
| 8. a movie that focuses | h. over \$356 million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Barbie started | a. so original |
| 2. toy | b. getting tired |
| 3. one of the best-selling toys | c. movies |
| 4. animated | d. of superhero films |
| 5. Barbie leaves her near- | e. ever made |
| 6. Barbie is | f. as a fashion doll |
| 7. Many people are | g. company |
| 8. endless releases | h. perfect animated world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The movie "Barbie" is (1) _____ of the year. It has broken box office records. One of these is making (2) _____ for a non-superhero movie. Ticket sales worldwide were over \$356 million. "Barbie" also made the most money for a movie made by (3) _____. It was directed by Greta Gerwig. She also directed the indie films "Lady Bird" and "Little Women". She (4) _____ "Barbie". There will be sequels to the movie, so fans (5) _____ for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be a movie (6) _____ Barbie's friend Ken.

Barbie started as (7) _____, created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler. The toy company Mattel launched the doll in 1959. It became one of the best-selling (8) _____, selling over a billion dolls worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has (9) _____ games, animated movies and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie leaves her near-perfect (10) _____ Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie experts say (11) _____ that "Barbie" is so original. Many people are (12) _____ the endless releases of superhero films.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MOVIES SURVEY

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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) _____

