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Level 1 – 27th July 2023

'Barbie' the movie breaks box office records

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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"Barbie" is the biggest film of the year. It has broken box office records. It made the most money for a non-superhero movie. Ticket sales worldwide were over \$356 million. "Barbie" also made the most money for a movie directed by woman. It was directed by Greta Gerwig. 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 about Barbie's friend Ken.

Barbie started as a fashion doll, created by businesswoman Ruth Handler in 1959. It became one of the best-selling toys ever made. It has sold over a billion dolls worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie has starred in video games and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie leaves her near-perfect world of Barbieland to live in the human world. Movie experts like "Barbie" because it is so original. Many people are getting tired 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>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbie>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the biggest | a. to the movie |
| 2. a non- | b. worldwide |
| 3. Ticket sales | c. ready |
| 4. a movie directed by | d. film of the year |
| 5. It was directed | e. Barbie's friend Ken |
| 6. There will be sequels | f. a woman |
| 7. fans should get | g. superhero movie |
| 8. a movie about | h. by Greta Gerwig |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Barbie started as | a. perfect world |
| 2. It became one of the best- | b. dolls worldwide |
| 3. It has sold over a billion | c. in video games |
| 4. Since | d. of superhero films |
| 5. Barbie has starred | e. a fashion doll |
| 6. Barbie leaves her near- | f. human world |
| 7. live in the | g. selling toys |
| 8. people are getting tired | h. the 1980s |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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"Barbie" (1) _____ film of the year. It has broken box office records. It (2) _____ money for a non-superhero movie. Ticket (3) _____ over \$356 million. "Barbie" also made the most money for a movie directed by woman. It (4) _____ Greta Gerwig. She also co-wrote "Barbie". There will (5) _____ the movie, so fans should get ready for "Barbie 2" and "Barbie 3". There may also be (6) _____ Barbie's friend Ken.

Barbie started as (7) _____, created by businesswoman Ruth Handler in 1959. It became one of the best-selling (8) _____. It has sold over a billion dolls worldwide. Since the 1980s, Barbie (9) _____ video games and TV series. In Gerwig's film, Barbie leaves (10) _____ world of Barbieland to live in (11) _____. Movie experts like "Barbie" because it is so original. Many people are (12) _____ superhero films.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MOVIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230727-barbie-4.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) _____

