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Level 1 – 24th September 2026

Toys R Us to open 120 new stores in USA

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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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Toys R Us will open 120 new stores in the USA. This will increase its number of stores from 40 to 160. The company wants people to have more places to buy toys and presents. The new stores will sell popular toy brands such as LEGO, Pokemon and Barbie. Some stores will have candy shops. Others will have family-friendly cafes with a toy theme. The company is growing in different places, including in malls and airports.

The new stores are part of the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018. In 2022, it opened shops in the department store Macy's. It now has about 400 shops in Macy's. Toys R Us says toys are becoming more popular with adults. The vice-president of a market research company agreed. She said toys are becoming "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults rather than just toys for children.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Toys R Us will | a. to buy toys |
| 2. increase its number | b. in different places |
| 3. have more places | c. of stores |
| 4. The new stores will sell | d. have candy shops |
| 5. Some stores will | e. and airports |
| 6. family- | f. open 120 new stores |
| 7. The company is growing | g. popular toy brands |
| 8. in malls | h. friendly cafes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The new stores are part of the | a. popular with adults |
| 2. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. | b. for children |
| 3. It now has about | c. stores in 2018 |
| 4. toys are becoming more | d. hobbies |
| 5. vice-president of a market | e. adults |
| 6. toys are becoming | f. company's comeback |
| 7. social experiences for | g. research company |
| 8. rather than just toys | h. 400 shops |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toys R Us (1) _____ new stores in the USA. This will increase (2) _____ stores from 40 to 160. The company wants people to (3) _____ to buy toys and presents. The new stores will sell popular toy (4) _____ LEGO, Pokemon and Barbie. Some stores will have candy shops. Others will (5) _____ cafes with a toy theme. The company is growing in different places, (6) _____ and airports.

The new stores (7) _____ the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us (8) _____ U.S. stores in 2018. In 2022, it opened shops in the department store Macy's. It (9) _____ 400 shops in Macy's. Toys R Us says toys are becoming more (10) _____. The vice-president of a market research company agreed. She said (11) _____ "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults rather than (12) _____ children.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOYS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about toys 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **toys** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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