

# Barbie Rocks!

⚡ Duration: 1 h

⚡ Age: adults / teens

⚡ B2 level

⚡ Group lesson

⚡ Main focus:

Students can account for and sustain their opinions in discussion by providing relevant explanations, arguments and comments.

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## Warm-up

**Exercise 1. What do you know about Barbie? What does she look like? What's her personality like? Guess the answers to six questions and check them on the last page.**

## BARBIE QUIZ

1. When was the first Barbie doll created?

- A) 1934
- B) 1959
- C) 1967
- D) 2010

2. How much did the first Barbie doll cost?

- A) \$3
- B) \$40
- C) \$302,500
- D) \$200

3. What was the best-selling Barbie doll ever?

- A) Teenage Fashion Model
- B) Astronaut Barbie
- C) Doctor Barbie
- D) President Barbie



4. How many careers has Barbie had?

- A) Over 40
- B) 10
- C) 100
- D) Over 200

5. How many different nationalities have been represented as Barbie dolls?

- A) Over 40
- B) Over 200
- C) 10
- D) 5

6. Where is the largest Barbie-themed attraction in the world located?

- A) California
- B) New York
- C) Florida
- D) Texas

## Discussion: Part 1

**Exercise 2. Have you seen the Barbie movie yet? If yes, what did you think of it?**



**Let's watch one of the trailers. Split into pairs and discuss the following questions. Be ready to share with the rest of the group.**

- What did you understand from the trailer?
- What are your expectations about the plot and characters of the movie?



- Why did Barbie replace baby dolls?
- What kind of dolls do you think is better for little kids to play with? Why?

**Exercise 3. Read the words and collocations, do you know their meaning? Try to fill in the gaps and explain the meaning of these collocations based on the context where they are used.**

obstacles

an empowering story

a fish-out-of-water story

to fit in

unrealistic beauty standards

notions of beauty and gender

to grow disillusioned

1. The movie we watched last night was \_\_\_\_\_ that had us laughing all the way through.
2. It's hard \_\_\_\_\_ when you're new to a place, but you'll find your group eventually.
3. After working at the company for a few months, she began \_\_\_\_\_ with her coworkers.
4. Many models have \_\_\_\_\_ imposed upon them, which can lead to various health problems.
5. Life is full of \_\_\_\_\_, but with hard work and perseverance, you can overcome them.
6. Reading about successful women can be \_\_\_\_\_ for people of all ages.
7. Society's \_\_\_\_\_ are constantly changing, and it's important to stay current on these topics.

**Discussion: Part 2****Exercise 4. Watch another short video about the Barbie movie.**

1. What was the original plot of the Barbie movie when it was first announced?
2. How has the plot of the Barbie movie evolved since then?
3. How does the Barbie movie challenge traditional notions of beauty and gender?

**In groups or pairs discuss what challenges people of different genders have been facing in relation to traditional notions of beauty and gender in recent years. Is it changing now? How? Give examples.**

**Do you think the movie would have a big influence on society?**



## Correct answers and tips

### Exercise 1

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. C

The quiz was made with the help of "Find Interesting Facts" + "ABCD Questions".

### Exercise 3

1. a fish-out-of-water story
2. to fit in
3. to grow disillusioned
4. unrealistic beauty standards
5. obstacles
6. an empowering story
7. notions of beauty and gender

The exercise was made with the help of several tools. We pasted the link to the second video into "Youtube to Text". Once we got the script, we used the "Extract Collocations" tool. The collocations and words that we got from the "Extract Collocations" tool were used to create seven sentences in the "Create Sentences" tool and, in the end, with the help of the "Fill in the Gap" tool, blanks were made in the sentences.

### Exercise 4

Possible answers:

1. The original plot of the Barbie movie was a fish out of water story where Barbie gets kicked out of Barbie Lynn and embarks on an adventure in the real world.
2. The plot of the Barbie movie has evolved to follow Barbie as she grows disillusioned with the real world after discovering the challenges of being a live woman and must navigate sexism, unrealistic beauty standards, and other obstacles while trying to find her place in the world.
3. The Barbie movie challenges traditional notions of beauty and gender by portraying Barbie as a strong and empowered woman who must navigate the challenges of the real world.

The exercise was made in the "Open Questions" tool.

Picture sources:

[Picture 1](#)

[Picture 2](#)

Pictures 3 and 4 are screenshots from this [video](#)