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Level 0

Toy store stops selling drug-dealer dolls

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THE READING

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Toys R Us stopped selling a drug-dealer doll. The doll had bags of drug money and drugs. A mother started a petition to stop the store selling the doll. More than 3,000 people signed it. The mother said Toys R Us is well known but to sell a doll with a bag of drugs was "dangerous". She said it was against "family-friendly values".

The mother said the dolls should not be in a toy store next to Disney characters. Children will ask why the doll has a bag of dangerous drugs. They might also ask why a drug dealer is an action figure. It is difficult for parents to answer these questions. The box said the dolls are for ages 15 and up.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1356927/breaking-bad-dolls-spark-online-petition>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11177774/Toys-R-Us-quietly-withdraws-drug-dealer-Breaking-Bad-dolls.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Toys R Us stopped selling | a. signed it |
| 2. The doll had bags of drug | b. a drug-dealer doll |
| 3. a petition to stop | c. of drugs |
| 4. selling the | d. money |
| 5. More than 3,000 people | e. friendly values |
| 6. Toys R Us is well | f. doll |
| 7. a bag | g. the store |
| 8. family- | h. known |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The mother said the dolls should | a. why |
| 2. next to Disney | b. is an action figure |
| 3. Children will ask | c. for parents |
| 4. the doll has a bag | d. ages 15 and up |
| 5. ask why a drug dealer | e. questions |
| 6. It is difficult | f. not be in a toy store |
| 7. answer these | g. characters |
| 8. the dolls are for | h. of dangerous drugs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toys R Us (1) _____ drug-dealer doll. The doll had bags of drug (2) _____. A mother started a petition (3) _____ store selling the doll. More than 3,000 (4) _____. The mother said Toys R Us is well known (5) _____ doll with a bag of drugs was "dangerous". She (6) _____ "family-friendly values".

The mother said the dolls (7) _____ in a toy store next to Disney characters. Children (8) _____ the doll has a (9) _____ drugs. They (10) _____ why a drug dealer is an action figure. It is (11) _____ to answer these questions. The box said the dolls are (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

