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Level 0 – 24th September 2026

Toys R Us to open 120 new stores in USA

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Please try Levels 1, 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 America. This will increase its number of stores from 40 to 160. The company wants people to have more places to buy toys. It will sell popular brands such as LEGO and Barbie. Some stores will have candy shops and family-friendly cafes. The new stores will also be 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. It started opening them again in 2022. The company says toys are becoming popular with adults. A market research company agreed. It said toys are becoming hobbies and "social experiences" for adults.

Sources: <https://abcnews.com/GMA/News/toys-us-planning-major-comeback-ahead-holiday-season/story>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/retail/2026/09/19/toys-r-us-expands-with-120-new-stores-across-the-us/91850087007/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the new | a. research company |
| 2. the company's comeback in | b. U.S. stores in 2018 |
| 3. Toys R Us closed its last | c. in 2022 |
| 4. It started opening them again | d. for adults |
| 5. becoming popular with | e. stores |
| 6. a market | f. hobbies |
| 7. toys are becoming | g. adults |
| 8. "social experiences" | h. America |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toys R Us (1) _____ new stores in America.

This (2) _____ number of stores from 40 to

160. The company wants (3) _____ more

places to buy toys. It will sell (4) _____ as

LEGO and Barbie. Some (5) _____ candy

shops and family-friendly cafes. The new stores will also be in

(6) _____.

The new stores (7) _____ the company's

comeback in America. Toys R Us (8) _____

U.S. stores in 2018. (9) _____ them again in

2022. The company says toys (10) _____

with adults. A (11) _____ agreed. It said toys

are becoming hobbies and "social (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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sobeinmallsandairports.Thenewstoresarepartofthecompany'scome
backinAmerica.ToysRUScloseditslastU.S.storesin2018.Itstartedope
ningthemagainin2022.Thecompanysaystoysarebecomingpopularwi
thadults.Amarketresearchcompanyagreed.Itsaidtoysarebecoming
hobbiesand"social experiences"foradults.

TOYS

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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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