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Level 2 – 24th September 2026

Toys R Us to open 120 new stores in USA

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Toys R Us plans to open 120 new stores in the USA. The toy giant said this will increase the number of its stores from 40 to 160. The company wants shoppers to have more places to buy toys, gifts and collectibles. The new stores will sell popular toy brands such as LEGO, Barbie, Pokemon and KPop Demon Hunters. Some stores will have candy shops. Others will have family-friendly cafes with a toy theme. The company said: "This is a major moment for Toys R Us." He added that the company is growing in different places, including stores in malls, airports and other locations.

The new stores are part of the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018. It reopened two stores in 2019. In 2022, it opened shops in the famous department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's. The company says toys are now becoming more popular with adults. The market research company Circana said toy sales among adults are growing. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults rather than just toys for children.

Sources: <https://abcnews.com/GMA/News/toys-us-planning-major-comeback-ahead-holiday-season/story>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. part of the company's | a. popular with adults |
| 2. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. | b. in 2019 |
| 3. It reopened two stores | c. toys for children |
| 4. toys are now becoming more | d. research company |
| 5. market | e. for adults |
| 6. toy sales among | f. comeback in America |
| 7. social experiences | g. adults are growing |
| 8. rather than just | h. stores in 2018 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The new stores (7) _____ the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us (8) _____ U.S. stores in 2018. It reopened two stores in 2019. In 2022, it opened shops (9) _____ department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's. The company says toys are now becoming more (10) _____. The market research company Circana said toy sales among adults are growing. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, (11) _____" for adults rather (12) _____ for 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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