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Toys R Us to open 120 new stores in USA

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Toys R Us is planning to open 120 new stores in the USA in the near future. The toy retail giant said the new stores will increase the number of its stores from 40 to 160. The company said it wants shoppers to have more places to buy toys, gifts and collectibles. The new stores will sell popular brands such as LEGO, Barbie, Hot Wheels, Pokemon and KPop Demon Hunters. Some stores will also have candy shops inside them. Others will have fun, family-friendly cafes that will have a toy-themed atmosphere. A company executive said: "This is a major moment for Toys R Us." He added that the company is growing in different areas, including stores in malls, airports and other locations.

The new stores are an important part of the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018 after it filed for bankruptcy. It reopened two physical stores in 2019. In 2022, it began opening shops inside the famous American department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores across the USA. The company says toys are becoming more popular with adults as well as with children. The market research company Circana said toy sales among adults are particularly strong. 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>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/retail/2026/09/19/toys-r-us-expands-with-120-new-stores-across-the-us/91850087007/>
<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/toys-r-us-opening-120-new-stores-rcna598543>

WARM-UPS

1. TOY STORES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about toy stores. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

toys / stores / retail giants / shoppers / gifts / collectibles / brands / cafes / airports / bankruptcy / department store / adults / hobbies / social experiences / children

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DIGITAL TOYS: Students A **strongly** believe digital toys are better than physical toys; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BETTER TOY STORES: How can you improve the following areas of toy stores? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Why?
Store layout		
Price		
Customer service		
Online shopping		
Store appearance		
Product variety		

5. FUN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fun". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TOYS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best toys at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Video games
- Dolls
- Puzzles
- Soft toys
- Board games
- Remote-controlled toys
- Musical toys
- Building toys

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. the near future | a. The business of selling things to people. |
| 2. retail | b. Things that people like to collect. |
| 3. giant | c. Places where something is or happens. |
| 4. collectibles | d. A very large or important company or business. |
| 5. brands | e. The feeling or mood of a place. |
| 6. atmosphere | f. A time that will happen soon. |
| 7. locations | g. Names that companies use for their products. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. comeback | h. A situation in which a company cannot pay its debts and has to close or reorganize. |
| 9. bankruptcy | i. Shops that people can visit in person, rather than shops that only sell things online. |
| 10. physical stores | j. A system of connected parts that work together. |
| 11. popular | k. The amount or number of things that are sold. |
| 12. sales | l. Liked by many people. |
| 13. particularly | m. A return to success after a difficult time. |
| 14. ecosystems | n. More than usual or more than other things. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Toys R Us will open 120 new stores over the next few years. **T / F**
2. The company said the stores will only sell collectibles. **T / F**
3. Some of the new shops will have cafes and candy stores. **T / F**
4. Some of the new stores will be in airports. **T / F**
5. Toys R Us is making a comeback after closing its stores in 2018. **T / F**
6. The company has around 400 stores in a US chain of malls. **T / F**
7. Toys R Us said toys are becoming popular with adults. **T / F**
8. A market research company said toys are social experiences for kids. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. increase | a. applied |
| 2. popular | b. feel |
| 3. candy | c. especially |
| 4. atmosphere | d. well liked |
| 5. locations | e. well known |
| 6. comeback | f. places |
| 7. filed | g. expand |
| 8. famous | h. return |
| 9. particularly | i. events |
| 10. experiences | j. sweets |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. open 120 new stores in the USA | a. friendly cafes |
| 2. new stores will sell popular brands | b. popular with adults |
| 3. family- | c. in different areas |
| 4. This is a major | d. toys for children |
| 5. the company is growing | e. comeback |
| 6. an important part of the company's | f. moment for Toys R Us |
| 7. it filed | g. in the near future |
| 8. toys are becoming more | h. experiences for adults |
| 9. social | i. such as LEGO |
| 10. rather than just | j. for bankruptcy |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Toys R Us is planning to open 120 new stores in the USA in the (1) _____ future. The toy retail giant said the new stores will increase the (2) _____ of its stores from 40 to 160. The company said it wants shoppers to have more places to buy toys, gifts and (3) _____. The new stores will sell popular brands such as LEGO, Barbie, Hot Wheels, Pokemon and KPop Demon Hunters. Some stores will also have (4) _____ shops inside them. Others will have fun, family-(5) _____ cafes that will have a toy-themed atmosphere. A company executive said: "This is a major (6) _____ for Toys R Us." He added that the company is (7) _____ in different areas, including stores in malls, airports and other (8) _____.

The new stores are an important part of the company's (9) _____ in America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018 after it (10) _____ for bankruptcy. It reopened two physical stores in 2019. In 2022, it began opening shops inside the (11) _____ American department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores (12) _____ the USA. The company says toys are (13) _____ more popular with adults as well as with children. The market research company Circana said toy sales (14) _____ adults are particularly strong. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming "(15) _____, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults rather than just toys for (16) _____.

collectibles

friendly

near

candy

locations

number

growing

moment

across

filed

among

children

famous

hobbies

comeback

becoming

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

- 1) Toys R Us is planning to open 120 new stores in the USA in _____
 - a. the near future
 - b. a near future
 - c. the nearly future
 - d. the near futures
- 2) The toy retail giant said the new stores will increase the number _____
 - a. off its stores
 - b. of its stores
 - c. of it stores
 - d. of its store
- 3) it wants shoppers to have more places to buy toys, _____
 - a. gift sand collectibles
 - b. gifts and collectible
 - c. grifts and collectibles
 - d. gifts and collectibles
- 4) Others will have fun, family-friendly cafes that will have a _____
 - a. toy-themed atmospheric
 - b. toy-themed atmosphere
 - c. toy-them atmosphere
 - d. toy-teamed atmosphere
- 5) the company is growing in different areas, including stores in malls, airports _____
 - a. end other locations
 - b. and another locations
 - c. and other location
 - d. and other locations
- 6) The new stores are an important part of the company's _____
 - a. come backing America
 - b. came back in America
 - c. comeback in America
 - d. go back in America
- 7) Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018 after it _____
 - a. flied for bankruptcy
 - b. fired for bankruptcy
 - c. filed for bankruptcy
 - d. filled for bankruptcy
- 8) Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores _____
 - a. a cross the USA
 - b. a crosses the USA
 - c. a cress the USA
 - d. across the USA
- 9) The market research company Circana said toy sales among adults _____
 - a. are particularly strong
 - b. have particularly strong
 - c. are particularly strength
 - d. are particularly strongly
- 10) toys are becoming hobbies, fandom ecosystems, _____
 - a. and special experiences
 - b. and social experiences
 - c. and society experiences
 - d. and social experience

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The new stores are an important part of the (7) _____ America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in 2018 after (8) _____ bankruptcy. It reopened two physical stores in 2019. In 2022, it began opening shops (9) _____ American department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores across the USA. The company says toys are becoming more (10) _____ as well as with children. The market research company Circana said toy (11) _____ are particularly strong. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults (12) _____ toys for children.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

1. When will Toys R Us open the new stores?
2. What does Toys R Us want shoppers to buy besides toys and gifts?
3. What will some stores have inside them besides candy shops?
4. What kind of cafes will other stores have?
5. Where will Toys R Us open stores besides malls?
6. Where does the article say Toys R Us is making a comeback?
7. What did Toys R Us file for after it closed two stores in 2018?
8. How many stores does Toys R Us have inside Macy's?
9. Who are toys becoming more popular with?
10. What kind of company is Circana?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

- 1) When will Toys R Us open the new stores?
 - a) over the next decade
 - b) this year
 - c) in the near future
 - d) next year
- 2) What does Toys R Us want shoppers to buy besides toys and gifts?
 - a) collectibles
 - b) clothes
 - c) concert tickets
 - d) stocks
- 3) What will some stores have inside them besides candy shops?
 - a) karaoke
 - b) cafes
 - c) photo booths
 - d) games arcades
- 4) What kind of cafes will other stores have?
 - a) pet cafes
 - b) international chain cafes
 - c) children's cafes
 - d) family-friendly cafes
- 5) Where will Toys R Us open stores besides malls?
 - a) next to supermarkets
 - b) train stations
 - c) airports
 - d) near schools
- 6) Where does the article say Toys R Us is making a comeback?
 - a) in Asia
 - b) in America
 - c) online
 - d) all over the world
- 7) What did Toys R Us file for after it closed two stores in 2018?
 - a) government loans
 - b) copyright protection
 - c) tax returns
 - d) bankruptcy
- 8) How many stores does Toys R Us have inside Macy's?
 - a) exactly 400
 - b) around 400
 - c) just fewer than 400
 - d) just over 400
- 9) Who are toys becoming more popular with?
 - a) pensioners
 - b) adults
 - c) business people
 - d) pets
- 10) What kind of company is Circana?
 - a) a market research company
 - b) a toy maker
 - c) a bank
 - d) a business consultancy

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Role A – Video Games

You think video games are the best toys. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): soft toys, board games or building toys.

Role B – Soft Toys

You think soft toys are the best toys. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): video games, board games or building toys.

Role C – Board Games

You think board games are the best toys. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): soft toys, video games or building toys.

Role D – Building Toys

You think building toys are the best toys. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toys. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): soft toys, board games or video games.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'toy' and 'store'.

toy	store

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• planning • number • places • brands • candy • growing	• comeback • filed • famous • well • sales • vice
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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.

TOYS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'toy'?
3. What do you know about Toys R Us?
4. What do you think of toy stores?
5. What were your favourite toys when you were a child?
6. What are your favourite toy stores?
7. Which is better, LEGO or Pokemon?
8. What do you think of toy stores having cafes inside them?
9. What do you think of having toy stores at airports?
10. What is the best toy ever made?

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TOYS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'store'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are physical toys better than digital toys?
15. Should all toys be unisex?
16. What do you think of department stores?
17. What do you think of adults playing with toys?
18. What toys did children have 100 years ago?
19. What toy would you like to play with right now?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of Toys R Us?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. (a) to | (b) for | (c) at | (d) by |
| 2. (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) as |
| 3. (a) shops | (b) shopping | (c) shoppers | (d) shoplifters |
| 4. (a) Every | (b) Much | (c) Any | (d) Some |
| 5. (a) friendly | (b) friend | (c) friends | (d) befriend |
| 6. (a) which | (b) that | (c) such | (d) what |
| 7. (a) importantly | (b) importance | (c) import | (d) important |
| 8. (a) flied | (b) filed | (c) filled | (d) fled |
| 9. (a) becomes | (b) become | (c) becoming | (d) became |
| 10. (a) for | (b) has | (c) what | (d) as |
| 11. (a) strongly | (b) strengthen | (c) strength | (d) strong |
| 12. (a) adjust | (b) just | (c) justly | (d) justice |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Paragraph 1

1. the toy laerti giant
2. the new stores will sell apluorp brands
3. family-friendly ecfsa
4. have a toy-themed marehostep
5. a company ceeitvuex
6. airports and other slotnoica

Paragraph 2

7. part of the company's kmbaceoc in America
8. after it filed for kyanrctbup
9. It reopened two csphaliy stores in 2019
10. the market sehreacr company
11. rrctuyialapl strong
12. social esiceernpex

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults rather than just toys for children.
- () 2018 after it filed for bankruptcy. It reopened two physical stores in 2019. In 2022, it began opening shops
- () across the USA. The company says toys are becoming more popular with adults as well as with
- () adults are particularly strong. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming
- () as LEGO, Barbie, Hot Wheels, Pokemon and KPop Demon Hunters. Some stores will also have candy shops
- () buy toys, gifts and collectibles. The new stores will sell popular brands such
- () children. The market research company Circana said toy sales among
- () executive said: "This is a major moment for Toys R Us." He added that the company is
- () growing in different areas, including stores in malls, airports and other locations.
- () inside the famous American department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores
- () inside them. Others will have fun, family-friendly cafes that will have a toy-themed atmosphere. A company
- () stores will increase the number of its stores from 40 to 160. The company said it wants shoppers to have more places to
- () The new stores are an important part of the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us closed its last U.S. stores in
- (**1**) Toys R Us is planning to open 120 new stores in the USA in the near future. The toy retail giant said the new

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

1. 120 It is new open planning stores to .
2. It have more places shoppers to wants .
3. a atmosphere cafes Friendly have that toy-themed will .
4. a for is major moment store the This .
5. areas company different growing in is The .
6. an company's comeback It's important of part the .
7. 2019 physical reopened stores It two in .
8. American department famous inside Opening shops store the .
9. adults becoming more popular Toys are with .
10. adults just rather experiences for Social than toys .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Toys R Us is *planning / plans* to open 120 new stores in the USA in the *nearly / near* future. The toy retail giant said the new stores will increase the number of *them / its* stores from 40 to 160. The company said it wants *shoppers / shops* to have more places to buy toys, gifts and collectibles. The new stores will sell popular brands such *was / as* LEGO, Barbie, Hot Wheels, Pokemon and KPop Demon Hunters. Some stores will also *have / be* candy shops inside them. Others will have fun, family-friendly cafes *what / that* will have a toy-themed atmosphere. A company executive *spoke / said*: "This is a major moment for Toys R Us." He added that the company is *grown / growing* in different areas, including stores in malls, airports and *other / another* locations.

The new stores are *a / an* important part of the company's comeback in America. Toys R Us closed its *lastly / last* U.S. stores in 2018 after it *filed / filled* for bankruptcy. It *reaped / reopened* two physical stores in 2019. In 2022, it began opening shops inside the *famous / infamous* American department store Macy's. Toys R Us now has about 400 shops inside Macy's stores across the USA. The company says toys are *become / becoming* more popular with adults as well *as / what* with children. The market research company Circana said toy sales *between / among* adults are *particularly / peculiar* strong. A vice-president at Circana said toys are becoming "hobbies, fandom ecosystems, and social experiences" for adults *rather / prefer* than just toys for children.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T_ys R _s _s pl_nn_ng t_ _p_n 120 n_w st_r_s _n th_ _S_ _n th_ n__r f_t_r_. Th_ t_y r_t__l g__nt s__d th_ n_w st_r_s w_ll _ncr__s_ th_ n_mb_r _f _ts st_r_s fr_m 40 t_ 160. Th_ c_mp_ny s__d _t w_nts sh_pp_rs t_ h_v_ m_r_ pl_c_s t_ b_y t_ys, g_fts _nd c_ll_ct_bl_s. Th_ n_w st_r_s w_ll s_ll p_p_l_r br_nds s_ch _s L_G_, B_rb__, H_t Wh__ls, P_k_m_n _nd KP_p D_m_n H_nt_rs. S_m_ st_r_s w_ll _ls_ h_v_ c_ndy sh_ps _ns_d_ th_m. _th_rs w_ll h_v_ f_n, f_m_ly-fr__ndly c_f_s th_t w_ll h_v_ _ t_y-th_m_d _tm_sph_r_. _ c_mp_ny _x_c_t_v_ s__d: "Th_s _s _ m_j_r m_m_nt f_r T_ys R _s." H_ _dd_d th_t th_ c_mp_ny _s gr_w_ng _n d_ff_r_nt _r__s, _ncl_d_ng st_r_s _n m_lls, __rp_rts _nd _th_r l_c_t__ns.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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toys r us is planning to open 120 new stores in the usa in the near future the toy retail giant said the new stores will increase the number of its stores from 40 to 160 the company said it wants shoppers to have more places to buy toys gifts and collectibles the new stores will sell popular brands such as lego barbie hot wheels pokemon and kpop demon hunters some stores will also have candy shops inside them others will have fun family friendly cafes that will have a toy themed atmosphere a company executive said this is a major moment for toys r us he added that the company is growing in different areas including stores in malls airports and other locations

the new stores are an important part of the companys comeback in america toys r us closed its last us stores in 2018 after it filed for bankruptcy it reopened two physical stores in 2019 in 2022 it began opening shops inside the famous american department store macys toys r us now has about 400 shops inside macys stores across the usa the company says toys are becoming more popular with adults as well as with children the market research company circana said toy sales among adults are particularly strong a vice president at circana said toys are becoming hobbies fandom ecosystems and social experiences for adults rather than just toys for children

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Write about **toys** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260924-toys-r-us.html>

Physical toys and games are better than online ones. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TOYS: Make a poster about toys. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PHYSICAL TOYS: Write a magazine article about encouraging sales of physical toys rather than digital ones. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on toys. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on toy stores. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. h	7. a	8. e	9. c	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- In the near future
- Collectibles
- Cafes
- Family-friendly cafes
- Airports
- In America
- Bankruptcy
- Around 400
- Adults
- A market research company

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It is planning to open 120 new stores.
- It wants shoppers to have more places.
- Friendly cafes that will have a toy-themed atmosphere.
- This is a major moment for the store.
- The company is growing in different areas.
- It's an important part of the company's comeback.
- It reopened two physical stores in 2019.
- Opening shops inside the famous American department store.
- Toys are becoming more popular with adults.
- Social experiences for adults rather than just toys.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)