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## Pre – Test

Complete the set of pre-assessment activities given below. Read instructions carefully.

### PRE – 01 | True or False Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.



	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 Margot Williams is travelling the world promoting her new movie.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The bubbly movie full of pink didn't cause such controversy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Margot hit the red carpet in Canada last week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 The movie is a blockbuster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### PRE – 02 | Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully and **take notes** on the main points and key details. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned.

## 01

## Reading

Margot Robbie is traveling the world **promoting** her new Barbie movie. But there's one country that it is actually **banned** it. So, how could a bubbly movie full of pink cause such **controversy**?

## Barbie Controversy

01

Margot Robbie hit the red carpet in Mexico last night. The latest stop on her worldwide Barbie promotional tour. The **bubbly** comedy is one of summer's most hotly anticipated movies. But suddenly it's sparking unexpected controversy. Is Barbie a communist? Maybe. GOP declares war on Barbie. Why the hoopla? It's all over the map in the background of the scene. The map shows the jagged line off the coast of China that represents the Communist nation's **disputed** claim to the South China Sea. China claims that everything inside that jagged line is theirs. But every other nation that borders the South China Sea disputes that.



## Vietnam

02

Now, just two weeks before the worldwide **premiere** of Barbie, the nation of Vietnam is banning the movie because of the map. And the Philippines say they're also considering a Barbie ban. "I don't think this was intentional in any way whatsoever. Basically the map that you see for not a very long time in the movie is a child's life imagining the world. Everyone is just **stunned**, absolutely stunned that politicians have latched on to this."

If only there was a geography Barbie, Mattel is probably now working on Peacemaker Barbie as spokesperson for Warner Brothers says the map is make believe and was not intended to make any statement about the real world.



## 02

## Activity

## A1 | Pair Me Up

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

PROMOTE	1 _____	A	a lot of disagreement or argument about something
CONTROVERSY	2 _____	B	to forbid, refuse to allow something
BUBBLY	3 _____	C	very energetic and pleasant
DISPUTED	4 _____	D	very shocked or surprised
PREMIERE	5 _____	E	to encourage or support something
BAN	6 _____	F	the first public performance of a play or any entertainment
STUNNED	7 _____	G	the subject of disagreement

## A2 | Right Words

Complete the sentence by choosing the word that fits the context. Choose from the box below.

**banned**      **premiere**      **scene**      **considering**      **promoting**  
**anticipated**      **geography**      **latest**      **spokesperson**      **coast**

- Margot Robbie is traveling the world \_\_\_\_\_ her new Barbie movie. But there's one country that it is actually \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ stop on her worldwide Barbie promotional tour. The bubbly comedy is one of summer's most hotly \_\_\_\_\_ movies.
- It's all over the map in the background of the \_\_\_\_\_. The map shows the jagged line off the \_\_\_\_\_ of China that represents the Communist nation's disputed claim to the South China Sea.
- Now, just two weeks before the worldwide \_\_\_\_\_ of Barbie, the nation of Vietnam is banning the movie because of the map. And the Philippines say they're also \_\_\_\_\_ a Barbie ban.
- If only there was a \_\_\_\_\_ Barbie, Mattel is probably now working on Peacemaker Barbie as \_\_\_\_\_ for Warner Brothers says the map is make believe and was not intended to make any statement about the real world.

# 03

## Speak Up

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

**1** What do you think of the reason for the banning of the movie in Vietnam?

**2** What should the producers do to prevent other countries from banning the movie?

**3** To what extent do you agree with the reason for Vietnam banning the movie?

**4** Do you think the mistake in the movie was intentional to gain attention from people?

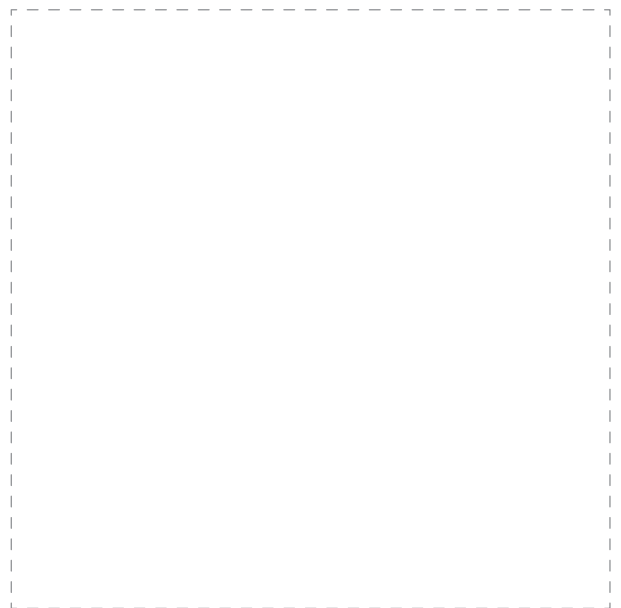


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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

# Either you're brainwashed, or you're weird.

Words of Barbie. But let me tell you this, weird is not bad, weird just has a bad ring to it because people are not familiar with your uniqueness. You do you, just be you.



The Creative Box: Draw something, write something, do anything to this box – let yourself be free with the box.

KEY ANSWERS

1E 2A 3C 4G 5F 6B 7D

1 promoting, banned – 2 latest, anticipated – 3 scene, coast – 4 premiere, considering – 5 geography, spokesperson

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LESSON SUMMARY

**READING + LISTENING + SPEAKING**

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