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To mark the release of the live-action movie *Barbie*, Airbnb are giving away overnight stays in a real-life Barbie Dreamhouse. The villa overlooks the beach in Malibu, California and is an impressive recreation set up like the iconic pink toy. Although the **resort** is courtesy of Airbnb, it is actually Barbie's **companion** Ken who is **handing over** the keys. In the Airbnb press release, Ken says, "I can't wait to host guests inside these one-of-a-kind – dare I say, one-of-a-Ken? – digs". The picturesque property is a three-**storey** hillside villa. It features Ken's bedroom with its shell-pink bed, leather cushions, and animal skin rugs. The lucky guests can also check out the closets and try on Ken's **outfits** and pick up some memorabilia to take home. There is a first-floor balcony slide that goes to the pool outside, where at sunset guests can take in the breathtaking surroundings. Airbnb said Ken is not much of a mathematician and he couldn't figure out the price and so all stays will be free, "after all, Ken's thing is beach, not math". However, as a promotion for the movie they will be putting up a **donation** to the charity Save the Children. The charity gives support and resources to families and **communities** all over the world. Airbnb said the money will go towards helping build up girls' **confidence** in school.

Q1. _____

Finish the imaginary sentence, including a colour, "I'm picking up the keys for..."

List some iconic fictional duos or couples.

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean:

1. groups
2. floor
3. holiday house
4. gift
5. self-belief
6. friend
7. holiday destination.....
8. clothes
9. setting
10. giving

Q3. _____

Which word below doesn't belong?

picturesque – companion – impressive – breathtaking

Q4. _____

True or false:

1. The villa is full of Barbie toys.
2. Guests can have fun with everything in the villa.
3. There is an elevator to the first floor.
4. Ken was busy surfing and forgot to advertise the price.
5. Airbnb are giving some money to a related cause.

Q5. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. picturesque | A. famous |
| 2. outfit | B. destination |
| 3. iconic | C. beautiful |
| 4. donation | D. clothing |
| 5. resort | E. gift |

Q6. _____

Spell the words correctly:

1. h t s o
2. c l s o s t e
3. m n o p o t r o i
4. i m c s m i t e n u o.....
5. r o l v s k o e o

Q7. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

Is it more special to see a movie on its opening night?

Live-action or animation – which is best for movies based on characters such as Barbie or Mario?

What charities do you know and what do they do?

Q8. _____

15 B2 lesson keywords: underlined in text.