

Airbnb handing over keys to Barbie Dreamhouse

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.

Warm-up activities and vocabulary

Activities:

Write a short sentence describing a movie. Each word has to start with a different letter.

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

List some iconic fictional duos or couples.

Vocabulary:

1. Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

- | | |
|---|------|
| A. <i>holiday house</i> (paragraph 1) | v... |
| B. <i>holiday destination</i> (paragraph 1) | r... |
| C. <i>friend</i> (paragraph 1) | c... |
| D. <i>giving</i> (paragraph 1) | h... |
| E. <i>floor</i> (paragraph 2) | s... |
| F. <i>clothes</i> (paragraph 2) | o... |
| G. <i>setting</i> (paragraph 2) | s... |
| H. <i>gift</i> (paragraph 3) | d... |
| I. <i>groups</i> (paragraph 3) | c... |
| J. <i>self-belief</i> (paragraph 3) | c... |

2. What does the italicised phrase below mean – *increasing*, *asking for*, or *giving*?

they will be *putting up* a donation

3. Which word below doesn't belong?

picturesque – companion – impressive – breathtaking

Reading comprehension true or false

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.

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| 1. The Barbie Dreamhouse stay is for a week. | True / False |
| 2. The villa is full of Barbie toys. | True / False |
| 3. The Airbnb marketing is presented by a fictional character. | True / False |
| 4. The villa is on the hills of Malibu. | True / False |
| 5. Barbie's bedroom has animal skin rugs. | True / False |
| 6. Guests can have fun with everything in the villa. | True / False |
| 7. There is an elevator to the first floor. | True / False |
| 8. Ken was busy surfing and forgot to advertise the price. | True / False |
| 9. Airbnb are giving some money to a related cause. | True / False |
| 10. Save the Children gives help to families. | True / False |

Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. shell- | A. release |
| 2. figure | B. surroundings |
| 3. mark the | C. of |
| 4. live- | D. pink |
| 5. handing | E. stays |
| 6. overlooks | F. over |
| 7. three- | G. the beach |
| 8. courtesy | H. storey |
| 9. breathtaking | I. action |
| 10. overnight | J. out |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. impressive | A. unexciting |
| 2. figure out | B. doubt |
| 3. confidence | C. misunderstand |

Grammar gap-fill cloze: transitive phrasal verbs

Change the verbs into their correct forms before putting them in the correct spaces.

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. try on | F. hand over |
| B. check out | G. give away |
| C. put up | H. set up |
| D. figure out | I. pick up |
| E. build up | J. take in |

To mark the release of the live-action movie *Barbie*, Airbnb are 1. _____ overnight stays in a real-life Barbie Dreamhouse. The villa overlooks the beach in Malibu, California and is an impressive recreation 2. _____ like the iconic pink toy. Although the resort is courtesy of Airbnb, it is actually Barbie's companion Ken who is 3. _____ 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 4. _____ the closets and 5. _____ Ken's outfits and 6. _____ some memorabilia to take home. There is a first-floor balcony slide that goes to the pool outside, where at sunset guests can 7. _____ the breathtaking surroundings.

Airbnb said Ken is not much of a mathematician and he couldn't 8. _____ 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 9. _____ 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 10. _____ girls' confidence in school.

Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

To mark the 1. _____ of the live-action movie *Barbie*, Airbnb are giving away overnight stays in a real-life Barbie Dreamhouse. The villa 2. _____ 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 3. _____ Ken who is handing over the keys. In the Airbnb press release, Ken says, "I can't wait to 4. _____ guests inside these one-of-a-kind – dare I say, one-of-a-Ken? – digs".

The picturesque property is a three- 5. _____ 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 6. _____ 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 7. _____ 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 8. _____ for the movie they will be putting up a donation to the charity Save the Children. The charity gives support and 9. _____ to families and 10. _____ all over the world. Airbnb said the money will go towards helping build up girls' confidence in school.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. A. reveal | B. day | C. release | D. date |
| 2. A. overlooks | B. sits | C. stands | D. oversights |
| 3. A. confident | B. competitor | C. condition | D. companion |
| 4. A. highest | B. cost | C. host | D. coast |
| 5. A. starry | B. storey | C. stored | D. starred |
| 6. A. closets | B. wallets | C. cracks | D. pillows |
| 7. A. breathing | B. breathtaking | C. breezy | D. windy |
| 8. A. promotion | B. prime | C. genre | D. generation |
| 9. A. sources | B. rescuers | C. resources | D. raises |
| 10. A. parties | B. guests | C. hosts | D. communities |

Writing cloze

- | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. aerlese | 6. ytrose | 11.mnopotroi |
| 2. rolvskoeo | 7. ochisnsu | 12.tinoaodn |
| 3. oncici | 8. clsoste | 13.surcesroe |
| 4. ncoioanmp | 9. ustesn | 14.imcsmitenuo |
| 5. htso | 10.enaghtaktrbi | 15.feicdnoenc |

To mark the 1._____ of the live-action movie *Barbie*, Airbnb are giving away overnight stays in a real-life Barbie Dreamhouse. The villa 2._____ the beach in Malibu, California and is an impressive recreation set up like the 3._____ pink toy. Although the resort is courtesy of Airbnb, it is actually Barbie's 4._____ Ken who is handing over the keys. In the Airbnb press release, Ken says, "I can't wait to 5._____ guests inside these one-of-a-kind – dare I say, one-of-a-Ken? – digs".

The picturesque property is a three- 6._____ hillside villa. It features Ken's bedroom with its shell-pink bed, leather 7._____, and animal skin rugs. The lucky guests can also check out the 8._____ 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 9._____ guests can take in the 10._____ 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 11._____ for the movie they will be putting up a 12._____ to the charity Save the Children. The charity gives support and 13._____ to families and 14._____ all over the world. Airbnb said the money will go towards helping build up girls' 15._____ in school.

Fill-in last letters

T_ mar_ th_ releas_ o_ th_ liv_-actio_ movi_ *Barbie*, Airbnb ar_ givin_ awa_ overnigh_ stay_ i_ _ rea_-lif_ Barbie Dreamhouse. Th_ vill_ overlook_ th_ beac_ i_ Malibu, California an_ i_ a_ impressiv_ recreatio_ se_ u_ lik_ th_ iconi_ pin_ to_. Althoug_ th_ resor_ i_ courtes_ o_ Airbnb, i_ i_ actuall_ Barbie's companio_ Ken wh_ i_ handin_ ove_ th_ key_. I_ th_ Airbnb pres_ releas_, Ken say_, " _ can' _ wai_ t_ hos_ guest_ insid_ thes_ on_-o_-_-kin_ - dar_ _ sa_, on_-o_-_-Ken? - dig_".

Th_ picturesqu_ propert_ i_ _ thre_-store_ hillsid_ vill_. I_ feature_ Ken's bedroo_ wit_ it_ shel_-pin_ be_, leathe_ cushion_, an_ anima_ ski_ rug_. Th_ luck_ guest_ ca_ als_ chec_ ou_ th_ closet_ an_ tr_ o_ Ken' _ outfit_ an_ pic_ u_ som_ memorabili_ t_ tak_ hom_. Ther_ i_ _ firs_-floo_ balcon_ slid_ tha_ goe_ t_ th_ poo_ outsid_, wher_ a_ sunse_ guest_ ca_ tak_ i_ th_ breathtakin_ surrounding_.

Airbnb sai_ Ken i_ no_ muc_ o_ _ mathematicia_ an_ h_ couldn' _ figur_ ou_ th_ pric_ an_ s_ al_ stay_ wil_ b_ fre_, "afte_ al_, Ken' _ thin_ i_ beac_, no_ mat_". Howeve_, a_ _ promotio_ fo_ th_ movi_ the_ wil_ b_ puttin_ u_ _ donatio_ t_ th_ charit_ Save the Children. Th_ charit_ give_ suppor_ an_ resource_ t_ familie_ an_ communitie_ al_ ove_ th_ worl_. Airbnb sai_ th_ mone_ wil_ g_ toward_ helpin_ buil_ u_ girl_ ' confidenc_ i_ schoo_.

Cool-down discussion, keywords, and game

Discussion questions:

- Is it more special to see a movie on its opening night?
- What is the best room in a house for you?
- 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?
- What types of holiday destinations are there and what ones do you like?

CEFR B2 10 lesson keywords:

(a = adjective / n = noun / v = verb)

brehtaking (a), closet (a/n/v), community (n), companion (n), host (n/v),
overlook (n/v), promotion (n), resource (n/v), release (n/v), storey (n)

Language game:

Beginning with each letter below, think of a word to do with *parts of a house*.

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities and vocabulary

1. A. villa, B. resort, C. companion, D. handing over, E. storey, F. outfit, G. surroundings, H. donation, I. communities, J. confidence
2. giving
3. companion (the others describe scenery)

Page 3 Reading comprehension true or false

1F, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F, 6T, 7F, 8F, 9T, 10T

Page 4 Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Phrases 1D, 2J, 3A, 4I, 5F, 6G, 7H, 8C, 9B, 10E
Synonyms 1C, 2D, 3A, 4E, 5B
Antonyms 1A, 2C, 3B

Page 5 Grammar gap-fill cloze: transitive phrasal verbs

1G giving away, 2H set up, 3F handing over, 4B check out, 5A try on, 6I pick up, 7J take in, 8D figure out, 9C putting up, 10E build up

Page 6 Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

1C, 2A, 3D, 4C, 5B, 6A, 7B, 8A, 9C, 10D

Page 7 Writing cloze

1. release, 2. overlooks, 3. iconic, 4. companion, 5. host, 6. storey,
7. cushions, 8. closets, 9. sunset, 10. breathtaking, 11. promotion,
12. donation, 13. resources, 14. communities, 15. confidence

For this lesson's interactive exercises, visit:

<https://www.everybitenglish.com/online-exercises/20230703-b2-airbnb-barbie>

Thanks for using this lesson!