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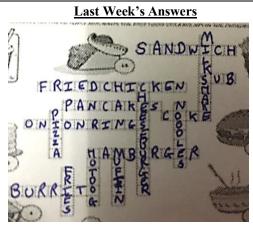
This is the last English news of this year and, boy<sup>1</sup>, hasn't the year flown by<sup>2</sup>? It seems like<sup>3</sup> only yesterday that you were all here for your first day, picking up<sup>4</sup> your textbooks and getting ready for class. So much has happened. I'm handing out this news on Wednesday because that is my only choice. Monday is a holiday and Tuesday is the junior high's graduation so there are no high school students here. I know you are going to have a lot of different handouts<sup>5</sup> today but I also know how much you all look forward to my news and I would hate to deprive<sup>6</sup> you of it!

## Something You Didn't Know (Barbie<sup>7</sup>)

- 1. The first Barbie dolls were made in Japan and their clothes were stitched<sup>8</sup> by Japanese housewives<sup>9</sup>. After a decade<sup>10</sup> production<sup>11</sup> was moved to Hong Kong. Then they were made in the Philippines. Now they are made in China. Following cheap labor<sup>12</sup> around the world.
- 2. The first Barbie in Japan was, apparently <sup>13</sup>, owned by Naomi Sensei, according to <sup>14</sup> her.
- 3. About three Barbies are sold every second around the world.
- 4. If Barbie were a real person she would be 175cm tall, have a 91cm chest, a 45cm waist, 83cm hips and she would be 49kg. She probably wouldn't be able to walk.
- 5. Barbie has had 150 careers 15 so far and she has been an astronaut 16 three times.
- 6. Barbie is banned<sup>17</sup> in Saudi Arabia<sup>18</sup>.







## Announcements

None. Because you are only here for today. Ok, then. You have an assembly, then cleaning, then long home room, then a holiday. See you on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **News**

## New range of Barbie Dolls released.

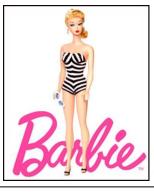
Chances are that most of the people reading this newspaper have owned, or at least played with, a Barbie doll at some time. Did you know that recently the company Mattel have released a new range of dolls? The company has faced criticism for years that the dolls give girls an unrealistic body image. So, they have tried to make more "natural" dolls.



When Barbie became popular the German company sued<sup>29</sup> Mattel, the company Ruth started, for copying the doll. The case<sup>30</sup> was settled out of court<sup>31</sup> and Mattel bought the rights<sup>32</sup> to the doll for \$21,600. Mattel is now worth<sup>32</sup> \$6.7 billion. I am going to buy my daughter a GI Joe<sup>33</sup> instead of<sup>34</sup> a Barbie.



They have brought out<sup>25</sup> dolls from different races<sup>26</sup>, short dolls, tall dolls and larger sized<sup>27</sup> dolls. The Barbie doll was invented by Ruth Handler in 1959. She used a German doll called Bild Lilli as her inspiration<sup>28</sup>. She saw the doll on a trip to Germany and when she came back to America she made one with her husband, who was an engineer<sup>28</sup>.





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